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Operation Ritz:



Teachers' anger at pay by results

TEACHERS THREATENED industrial action last night over new plans for pay by results in the classroom. The warning soured the announcement of inflation-busting pay rises from 1 April for 1.25 million public sector workers, including nurses, judges, the armed forces and civil servants.

Cabinet ministers were convinced that approving pay increases averaging 4.1 per cent - well above the inflation rate of 2.8 per cent – would quell anxiety over changes to the way

that pay is assessed. But ministers faced a back-

BY COLIN BROWN, JUDITH JUDD AND BEN RUSSELL

lash after they revealed sweeping changes to teachers' pay, which will be linked partly to their pupils' exam results for the first time since the Victorian era, as part of moves to end the old system of pay increases across the board for the public sector.

A revolution in NHS pay scales is also being planned by Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, who will publish proposals for consultation "very soon" to allow more flexibility

clude performance-related pay. 'It is not just for teachers. You might bring the same idea to hospitals," said the Prime Minister's official spokesman.

There was anger at the way rises are being targeted at high performers. Classroom teachers were still smarting at the news they will receive just 3.5 er cent this year while some heads will get 9.5 per cent.

NHS consultants were upset at their treatment while the pay deal was directed at the nurses. Trainee nurses will be given an increase of 12 per cent to en-

in NHS pay. This also could in- courage recruitment and end the nurse shortage, but many nurses will get 4.7 per cent. Civil servants were also an-

noyed to discover a handful of high-flying Whitehall mandarins will receive pay rises of up to 10.5 per cent after their senior salaries review body said the awards should be made to "the very few" top civil servants whose performance has been truly exceptional". At the same

time "unsatisfactory performers" will not get any rise at all. MPs, who are linked to civil service grades, will get 2.8 per cent, but that was lifted to 4.3

per cent with the second stage of an award held over from last year, raising their salaries from £45,066 to £47,008. Cabinet pay rises are likely to be held to the inflation rate of 2.8 per cent to encourage wage restraint in private sector boardrooms.

Teachers' leaders expressed anger at the plans, which go far further than any previous Gov-ernment proposals for reform.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, warned that industrial action was "nearer than it has been for many many years". He said: "Tony Blair is tion of the pay of all teachers."

saying: Take this now and wait for something better to come.' What this shows is the 'better to come' is payment by results. There's nothing for teachers to wait for."

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, believes the changes will solve the recruitment crisis by rewarding the best teachers. "I welcome the teachers' review body's constructive approach to the need to reward good perfor-mance and I look forward to next year's exercise extending this approach to the determina-

Teachers will be required to set targets for their pupils' performance in tests and exams each year in consulta-tion with heads as part of the appraisal system to be introduced from 2000. Heads will assess how far the targets have been met, and then decide whether the teacher should

move up the pay scale. Those who reach the top of the ordinary pay scale will be able to secure an extra £2,000 a year by taking a "test" to see whether they match up to demanding standards.

The new "threshold" test

will be expected to show that they have a track record of good results in relation to their pupils' ability. Classroom ob-servation, subject knowledge, the ability to keep order will aiso be taken into account

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said he was "very disappointed". "They are going to have to change the proposals or there's no agreement," he said.

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Hoddle on the defensive as his support runs out

GLENN HODDLE faces his own BY JOHN DAVISON AND day of reckoning today with an announcement about whether he will be sacked as England manager over disputed comments that disabled people are being punished for sins com-

After a day of confusion, claim, counter-claim and highprofile denials. Hoddle is due to meet the Football Association (FA) this morning to put his side of the story. Already he has refused to resign, while Tony Blair has lined up behind growing numbers demanding he

The high-level coterie of five FA members who will make the final decision were yesterday conferring over the phone.

Meanwhile, the man at the centre of the storm launched his counter-offensive on television. Interviewed by Trevor McDonald for ITN, he denied that he had ever made the controversial comments.

"The only reason people are saying I should resign is that they are saying I have come out and said that people disabled and handicapped have been paying for their sins, and I have never, ever said that," said Hoddle.

"I did not say them things and at the end of the day I want to put that on record because it has hurt people," he added. "That is the last thing I want to do, and the most important thing is to tell people that and that is more important than any football job."

This went significantly further than other comments since the row blew up on Saturday after an interview published in The Times.

Hoddle was reported as sayically given two hands and two legs and half-decent brains. Some people have not been born like that for a reason. The karma is working from anoth-

England's proudest symbols.

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er lifetime. I have nothing to hide about that. It is not only people with disabilities. What you sow, you have to reap."

Previously, Hoddle had only said that his comments had been "misconstrued, misunderstood and misi by the reporter.

Peter Stothard, editor of The Times, last night hit back, saying the paper stood by its story.

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"The rema as made by Glenn Hoddle to our reporter, Matt Dickinson, are clearly recorded in his notebook and they reflect comments made by Glenn Hoddle in other circumstances. I am amazed and appalled at Mr

Hoddle's attempts at a denial."
The Prime Minister told ing "You and I have been phys- ITV's This Morning programme that if Hoddle's views had been correctly recorded then it "would be very difficult for him to stay".

David Davies, acting chief

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executive of the FA, said that no announcement on Hoddle's future would be made until this morning at the earliest. He said that a definitive statement would be made at lunchtime.

Hoddle's fate will be decided by five members of the FA's International Committee. The situation was not helped for the FA. or for Hoddle, by the recent departure of its chairman and chief executive over an unauthorised £3m loan to the Welsh FA. They were two of Hoddle's

staunchest supporters. The final decision could also be affected by the manoeuvring going on for the top job at the FA. Geoff Thompson, the acting chairman from Chesterfield, will lead the panel. He will by joined by Noel White, the committee chairman from Liverpool; David Davies: David Richards, the Sheffield Wednesday chairman; and David Sheepshanks,

chairman of Ipswich. The fact that the FA has started to take a pro-active stance on sport for the disabled is bound to be a factor in their thinking. If they need any encouragement, the universal condemnation from groups representing disabled people

will provide it. Neil Betteridge, projects manager for the Royal Associ-ation for Disability and Rehabilitation, was typically blunt. He said Hoddle was not fit to be the national coach. "Our view is that we don't believe it is acceptable for someone in his position to make remarks that are so grossly offensive to disabled people," he said.

One voice of support came from Eileen Drewery, the spiritual "healer" said by Hoddle to have given him many of his controversial views. Ms Drewery, whose husband is disabled, said she believed Hoddle had been treated "worse than Saddam Hussein".

from sulphur-burning power plants in the former East Ger-

many, diesel-powered ships or

even debris from construction

policy officer at Kent County

Council, is less sure, however.

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Clive Gilbert, environmental

of the Channel Tunnel.



Hoddle leaving home in Finchampstead, Berkshire, yesterday Austin Hargrave

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ple put on the cliffs, as part of

an attempt to put some sort of

price tag on their "cultural and

We are wealth creators now, says Labour

CREATING WEALTH is more BY ANDREW GRICE important than redistributing it, Stephen Byers, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will declare in a keynote speech tonight.

His address to a City audience at the Mansion House will anger left-wingers. It will be seen as another attempt by the Government to abandon Labour's

traditional commitments. Mr Byers, who describes himself as an "outrider" for the Department of Trade and Industry has an important role to and creates wealth and jobs. The reality is that wealth creation is more important than wealth redistribution.

"The reason for this is clear. It is successful and prosperous businesses which can employ more and more people and also ensure that our public finances are sound, so that we have the resources to fund those essen-

Political Editor tial public services in areas

like health and education." Mr Byers, who succeeded the arch-moderniser Peter Mandelson when he resigned in December, is expected to argue that New Labour's overriding goal is not to create a more equal society but a climate in

which business can prosper. He insisted yesterday that poor. "The challenge for this Government is to ensure we play in creating an environment can marry both wealth cre-which encourages enterprise ation ...with the fact that we won't allow people to be socially excluded as a result of that."

David Drew, Labour MP for Stroud, said last night: "The tax and benefits system must be used for some redistribution of wealth. The fact is that if you are creating wealth, you have got to use it in the most positive way possible, which means giving it to people of lower means."

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'So, Margaret Cook, do you feel hate or pity for the woman who replaced you?'

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S EX-WIFE ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

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THE BEST WRITING, WEEK IN, WEEK OUT: DEBORAH ROSS, HOWARD JACOBSON, HAMISH MCRAE, MARK STELL, ROBERT LISE, TERENCE BLACKER, SUSANNAH FRANKET JOHN WAESH, RICHARD WILLIAMS, DAVID AARONOVITCH, DEBORAH ORR, THOMAS SUTCLIFFE, MILES KINGTON, SUE ARNOLD, ANDREAS WHITTAM SMIFFE

CIA 'foil London terror mission'

A SUSPECTED leading member BY RUPERT CORNWELL of an Islamic terrorist group, believed to be behind the massacre of foreign tourists at Luxor in Egypt, in which six Britons died, is being held in

According to reports in Uruguay confirmed in London last night, three people were ar- is suspected of being a prime rested at the border town of Chui on Friday as they were attempting to cross into Brazil, as the first stage of an alleged terror mission to London. The local police are believed to have been acting on a CIA tip-off.

The three were named as Hisham al-Tarabili Aka Bilal and his wife, Sahar Muhammad, an Egyptian couple travelling with their three children. and Mahammad Abu al-Nez, a Brazilian of Jordanian origin, who was assisting them with formalities at the border. The Egyptian family members were said to be carrying fake Brazilian passports originating in Paraguay. An international search is under way for two other men travelling with them

Uruguayan press reports said the arrests followed a CIA tip off to the Montevideo authorities that members of the Egyptian militant group Al Gamaat al Islamiyyah were

Uruguayan police are said to have been congratulated by the American intelligence agency for foiling what is being called a "London Mission."

The woman and the Jordanian were released on Sunday, the Uruguayan newspaper El Pais said. But Mr Aka Bilal, who has requested an Egyptian

AND ELIZABETH NASH in Madrid

lawyer, was still being questioned, for a third consecutive day. Reputed to be an associate of the alleged terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, he mover behind the Luxor massacre in November 1997.

He is also said to be wanted by the US in connection with the World Trade Center bombing in New York and the attacks last August on the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. According to the Uruguayan reports, both countries are seeking Mr Aka Bilal's extradition - although in the case of Egypt, no extradition treaty exists with Urnguay.
Mr bin Laden is the number

one global target of US intelligence. He is accused of a series of terrorist attacks in the last few years, including the 1996 truck bombing which killed 19 American soldiers in their barracks in Saudi Arabia in November 1996, and last summer's bombings of the US embassies in Nairobi and Dares-Salaam, in which 256 people

perts here are dubious it planned any major outrage. In contrast to France. Britain is regarded as a relatively safe haven for political opposition from the Arab world. For this reason, the experts argue, terrorists would be unwilling to do anything here which might provoke a crackdown.



Brian Harris

Commons watchdog to quiz Mandelson

loan became public.

PETER MANDELSON is still By Fran Abrams facing censure from the Commons watchdog over his £373,000 home loan from Geoffrey Robinson. Three complaints have been made about the former minister to the new Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Elizabeth Filkin.

It will fuel demands by Labour MPs that the former trade and industry secretary should remain on the back benches for a lengthy period. It will also surprise many ob-There was no word of what | Mr Mandelson saying he had the group intended to do in been reassured Commons ister the loan.

In fact, no such judgement has been made. He has asked for advice and been told he should register the interest, which he has done but an investigation on whether he broke the rules is under way.

Mr Mandelson and Mr Robinson, who was paymasterWestminster Correspondent general, resigned before Christmas when details of the Ms Filkin reports to MPs on

the Standards and Privileges Committee in two weeks on the complaints about the loan. One is from the shadow trade secretary, John Redwood, and two from members of the public. The complaints also address

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The Commons rules do not specifically mention such arrangements. In 1996 the then standards commissioner, Sir Gordon Downey, ruled that preferential treatment on loans to the Tory MP Roy Thomason should have been listed. MPs on the Standards and Privileges Committee will decide whether Mr Mandelson should be pun-

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declaring," he said. A spokesman for Mr Mandelson quiry was old news and the impression that he had been "cleared was the fault of misinterpretation by the media. Last night Mr Redwood said ■ Mr Mandelson could have re-

the Cabinet, the Government said last night. The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Stephen Byers, confirmed in a Com-

mons written reply that under government rules his predecessor had received a pay-off of

McGinn accused of killing soldiers

THE MAN accused of murdering the British soldier Stephen Restorick at a south Armagh checkpoint was arrested after troops swooped on a nearby farm, a court heard yesterday. Bernard Michael McGinn. 41, was allegedly found hiding in a hayshed during a raid two months after the murder of

Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick 23, in February 1997. McGinn, from Castleblaney in County Monaghan, appeared at Belfast Crown Court yesterday accused of murdering L/Bdr Restorick, from Peter chatting to a motorist in the border village of Bessbrook. McGinn is charged with 37 termurder of two other soldiers, Lance Bombardier Paul Garrett in 1993 and Thomas Johnston,

Defence Regiment, in 1978. It took nearly 30 minutes to read out the charges, which included a string of explosives offences, possession of weapons and membership of the IRA.

McGinn appeared alongside three other south Armagh men, who are charged with conspiring to murder a person or persons unknown in April 1997. A fifth man is accused of providing a hayshed used in the al-

leged conspiracy.

John Creaney QC, for the prosecution, said the soldiers who arrested the men found a car which had been turned into an elaborate mobile firing platform. A cavity had been created in the rear in which a gunman could crouch inside was a Barrett rifle, an AK47, amborough, Cambs, as he stood 'munition and ear plugs. This and another car had been fitted with CB radios tuned to the same channel. Mr Creaney said that the men were intent on using the weapons to kill somebody. "These four were quite a former member of the Ulster clearly guilty on the evidence of conspiring to murder persons or persons unknown," he said.

All five men deny the charges against them. The trial. which is expected to last six weeks, resumes today.

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more people in Romania, taking the total of deaths during the cold spell to 24, officials said yesterday. The victims included five homeless men in a country that has been blanketed with 2m (6ft 7m) of snow since Saturday with winds of more than 60mph causing huge drifts, which have led to the deaths of an additional 17 people in road accidents. Two people died of carbon monoxide poisoning from improvised

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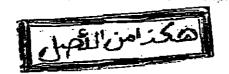
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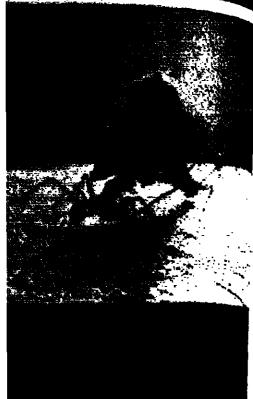
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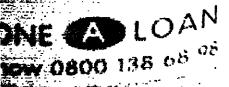
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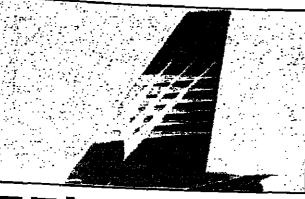
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High dudgeon after mid-air brawl leads to Ginn accused forced cilling soldiers landing

IT IS every air traveller's nightmare. A drunken passenge goes berserk on board a packed jet cruising at 35,000ft, attacking the stewardesses and threatening to kick open one of the aeroplane doors. An unprecedented aviation disaster

is just seconds away. "Air rage" – the descendant of "road rage" - is now a more mass mid-air brawl. The pilot common, or at least a more re- was forced to make an unported event. With draiss wide- , ly available, and long-haul flights cheaper than ever, there is growing concern about what is happening in the air.

Airlines in Britain have reported a 400 per cent increase in "air rage" attacks over the last three years. The Civil Aviation Authority said yesterday that there were 108 incidents involving disruptive passengers in

 1997 alone. Even more alarming are the figures compiled by the police. They claim that two "medium-

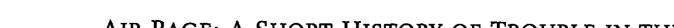
BY PHIL TRORNTON Transport Correspondent

sized" UK airlines recorded 1,190 incidents between them. In the latest incident, reported yesterday, 12 passengers were thrown off an Airtours Boeing 767 heading for the Caribbean amid claims of a

scheduled stod at a US arroort. According to the airline, some of the 12, six men and six women on their "dream holiday", were drunk. A fight broke out and the pilot was forced to

The passengers disagree. Irish-born Miles Connor, 35, who was one of the people ejected from the Jamaican-hound flight, said they had simply been enjoying a "old fashioned Irish sing-song" when another passenger threw a drink over him. "There wasn't even a fight. No







AIR RAGE: A SHORT HISTORY OF TROUBLE IN THE SKIES

FEBRUARY1998: Three British Airways stewardesses attacked by model Lorna Dow, 30, from Manchester, after she found a lavatory engaged on a flight to New York. She had been drinking champagne and cannabis tea. US police held her for three days.

Air rage incidents in the past

year have included:

APRIL 1998: Businessman John Henson, 33, fined £6,700 after he threatened to kill the pilot and butt a passenger. He smashed a seat and indecently assaulted a stewardess on a BA flight from Gatwick to Orlando. The aircraft

was forced to divert to Boston amid safety fears.

OCTOBER 1998: Steven Handy banned for life from planes, trains and ferries after he attacked Airtours stewardess Fiona Weir when drunk on a fligh to Malaga. The stewardess, scarred for life, required 40 stitches in her head

NOVEMBER 1998: Former Stone Roses star lan Brown lailed after losing appeal against a four month sentence for threatening to chop off the hands of an air stewardess. The judge said he wanted to send a strong message to others who

indulged in "loutish behaviour" while airborne.

JANUARY 1999: Seven staff and passengers needed to overpower and handcuff 36-year-old man on BA flight from Johannesburg after he allegedly assaulted four crew members just one hour into the flight to Heathrow.

JANUARY 1999: BA forced to divert Bangkok bound Boeing 747 to Delhi after Lee Thresher punches out aircraft inner window and bites woman's headphones in half. He had taken a mixture of





Ian Brown: jailed for threats

-words were exchai they threw all 12 of us off, there were no blows, nothing. The biggest injustice is that the other man, who threw the drink, was

Fiona Weir: scarred for life

allowed to carry on on the flight." The airline vehemently disagree with the passengers' version of events. Captain David Parsons, the flight operations director for Airtours, said: "The supervisor tried to calm the situation, with the normal calming techniques we teach our crews, but it didn't work. She went to the captain and said, 'It's

divert', and he did just that,' said.

Last night Airtours was threatening legal action to try to recover some of the £15,000 to £20,000 it cost to divert the plane to Norfolk International Airport in Virginia. Airtours said it had also asked police at Gatwick to investigate the incident. Under the Air Navigation Order offences allegedly committed in the air aboard a Britishregistered aircraft fall within the jurisdiction of British police to

ith Airtours

been refused seats on two flights out of America, according to police at Norfolk airport. Another passenger, Francis Coyle, said the trouble started when a man passed a remark about another passenger's wife and a drink was thrown. "There were no punches. There was shouting and a drink was thrown. But there was no fight-

ing," he said. Everybody was a bit high-

Motor Manufacturers and

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A spokesman for the organ-

isation added: "Currency dif-

high value of the pound.

punches were thrown, just a few getting quite frightening, can you been banned for life from flying spirited. They had quite a few air stewardess with a vodka Government to bring in tougher drinks. They were tipsy, but not really drunk. I got up and told The 12 have now abandoned their holiday - but they have also

them to sit down and they did. About half-an-hour later, we were told the plane was going to be diverted. It was nothing to do with the rest of us. I am going to take legal action over this. I am stuck here in Virginia. My wife is in tears. We have not done anything."

Yesterday airlines and police chiefs held the first of a series of meetings set up by the Government in November after a drunken passenger slashed an

flight to Malaga.

John Reid, the Transport minister, said he was pressing other countries to follow the UK and bring in laws allowing them to take action against offenders on board foreign-owned planes. He said airlines and police forces had agreed to collect data on "air rage" incidents to measure the scale of the problems and detect trends.

The airline industry criticised the decision not to take action in America and called on the UK re-routing a flight."

low passengers in danger. But it backed away from calling for a ban on the sale of alcohol on board, saying this would hit the "99.9 per cent" of passengers who caused no trouble.

Howard Davies, director-general of the British Air Transport Association, said: "We are looking to Government for much stricter penalties and we would be looking for automatic compensation to airlines for the inconvenience caused by

EVERY PARENT

Cars cost 50 per cent more in Britain

COST OF CARS IN BRITAIN

BRITISH CONSUMERS are paying up to 50 per cent more for popular makes of car than their European counterparts, ac- prices in expensive markets. In cording to an official EU survey.

The research showed the UK is the most expensive place to buy 57 of the 76 best-selling models - including some Rovers - although the differentials have decreased since last year, when a Commission study showed that 60 of 74 cars

cost more in Britain. An EU statement on the motor trade, published yesterday, concedes that price differentials have narrowed because of currency movements and efforts on the part of manufacturers. But it adds: There are indications that many car producers increased prices in so-called cheap markets rather than reducing

Detectives spent yesterday

BY STEPHEN CASTLE

such cases, the benefits to consumers seem at least ques-

A spokesman added: "Some moves have started in the UK to cut prices. This is a good development to take away some of the windfalls. These are measures in the right direction but prices in high-price markets should be cut."

The Commission's survey is based on data given by producers, although actual retail prices often differ from recommended list prices. Nevertheless, it outlines dramatic differences throughout the EU. with the UK consistently at or near the top of the price league.

Price Differentials From cheapest European country Rover 214 51.9% France Alfa Romeo 145 45.3% Fiat Bravo 45.0% Netherlands Portugal 43.1% Rover 414 39.8% Mazda Demic Fiat Marea **Ireland** Mazda 323 37.8% Daihatsu Gran Move

bought in the UK costs more Spain, the Netherlands and than half as much again as the same model purchased in France; an Alfa Romeo 145 costs 45 per cent more than the same car bought in Spain.

Alfa Romeo 156

Mitsubishi Colt

At the other end of the scale, the cheapest car prices in the For example, a Rover 214 EU are generally in Portugal,

37.3% Denmark 36.9% Netherlands 35.9% Italy

Sweden. In only one case – the BMW 735i - was Britain the cheapest marketplace. That makes it "attractive for consumers - and in particular UK residents - to buy a car abroad", the Commission says.

ferentials explain the difference in price. "We have seen the gap has narrowed; what we need to see is the pound weakening still further to achieve parity". But a European Commission

society says.

official blamed pricing strategies too, and argued that manufacturers' "windfalls" from beneficial currency movements were not being passed on to Yesterday the Society of consumers Consumers rights

campaigners argue that the British market is particularly Traders argued that the disvulnerable to high pricing because UK motorists need righthand drive cars, which are not Because of the length of time it takes to develop and profreely available in the rest of the EU. Brussels has sought to put pressure on manufacturers to supply right-hand drive cars therefore vulnerable to exon demand. The Commission. which says it has received many complaints from Britain. has no firm figures on the num-

ber of cross-border transac-

Questioned yesterday, an official quoted estimates of 200,000 to 250,000 purchases a year, only 10,000 of which were from private buyers. The advent of the euro, which should make comparisons easier in the 11 participating member-states, is expected to increase these

Racehorse owner held as drugs ring suspect

in Europe." A spokesman added: "This is the largest single cocaine seizure by the NCS since its inception in April last year."

John Abbott, directorgeneral of the criminal intelligence service, said: "The operation was an excellent example of intelligence-led policing reaping major dividends. Substantial tactical intelligence from NCIS, with the operational capabilities of our partner organisations, resulted in the seizure of a huge quan-

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A SUCCESSFUL racehorse By JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent owner was among 10 people police said in a statement. arrested yesterday as part of a

searching their farm for docususpected international cocaine ments and papers. Smuggling ring worth millions The raid was part of an international two-year inquiry co-Detectives seized 169kg of denamed Operation Pierrot. cocaine, with a street value of Police believe the operation, or-£12m, at a house in Ostend, Belganised by the National Crime jum, which was thought to

Squad (NCS), has broken up one have been destined for Britain. of Britain's biggest drug gangs. Graham Piper was arrested "The operation has dismanyesterday at his home in Wentled what had been identified by dover, Buckinghamshire, the National Criminal Intelliwhere he and his wife own a gence Service as one of the number of racehorses including major drug trafficking organithe highly rated Nipper Reed sations within the UK and will tion of assets in excess of £3m,"

Detectives were investigating a number of suspected cocaine and cannabis smuggling networks that brought drugs

into Britain from South America and Morocco via Europe. As part of the inquiry six people were arrested on Sunday evening - although details were only released yesterday - at Heathrow airport and other lo-

cations throughout the Southeast of England. Five men and one woman were arrested and premises rested yesterday as part of the

hopefully lead to the confisca- searched at Wendover; Runwell, Wickford and Clayhill, in Essex and Bushey and Watford in Hertfordshire. The six were being questioned yesterday.

The eight-year-old Nipper Reed is considered a contender for the Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase at the Cheltenham Festival next month.

The raids followed the seizure of 169kg of cocaine in Ostend on Sunday by the Belgium gendamerie on behalf of the NCS. A Belgian man was ar-

rested during the raid. Four more people were ar-

after the discovery of cannabis plants and cocaine during the on-going search at a house in Runwell, Essex, and two men at Newcastle airport, where one is believed to have been waiting for the other to arrive from mainland Europe.

The operations also included work carried out by the NCS and Customs and Excise. Detective Chief Inspector Peter Spindler, of the NCS,

said: "The success results from the work of our highly professional staff, and from close cooperation with law enforcement

tity of drugs."

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Dangerous precedent is set on pay

THE SHAPE of yesterday's BY ANDREW GRICE public-sector pay awards was decided long before the Cabinet sat down to approve them last

When Frank Dobson, Sec-retary of State for Health, addressed the Royal College of Nursing annual conference in April last year, he hoped that the 1999 wage deal for the nurses would be paid in one go rather than phased in to reduce its overall value.

His speech raised Treasury hackles but he had not meant to "bounce" the Cabinet or announce policy on the hoof.

However, some quick "spinning" by the Royal College of Nursing press office converted

pledge. There was no turning hack. Mr Dobson did not have to threaten to resign to ensure this year's awards were paid in full from April for the first time

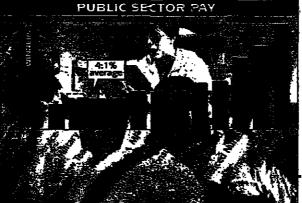
But he would have felt honour-bound to quit if they had been phased in. Mr Dobson is one of the Cabinet's unexpected stars, despite holding one of its most difficult jobs.

Although he could savour yesterday's good news for newly qualified nurses, he is not out of the woods yet over Labour's ambitious election pledge to cut NHS waiting-lists

Once it became politically impossible to stage the mirses' pay rise, other ministers, such as David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, argued that the Government could not discriminate against groups such

So by the time the Cabinet met last week, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, was resigned to paying the recommendations of the five review bodies in full. Making a virtue out of necessity, he described them as "affordable and right". Although Downing Street

claimed that the Bank of Eng-rise announced yesterday, the land's monetary policy com-mittee would be relaxed about



generous package is bound to dition of reducing the public-leave the self-styled Iron Chan-

genie back in the bottle. When next year's public-pay settlement takes effect, we

could be 12 months away from

the next general election. Although Mr Brown is adept at conjuring up extra cash, the danger is that public-sector pay will soak up much of the money earmarked for improv-

ing frontline services. Ministers hope to square the circle by moving towards a radical overhaul of the way the public sector pays its staff. Moves towards performancerelated pay for teachers, bitterly opposed by their trade unions will be followed soon by similar proposals for the National Health Service. system of rigid pay structures based on length of service

rather than performance. This will prove a bitter pill for health workers to swallow, and could even produce the most serious conflict between the trade unions and the Government in the lifetime of this

It will not prove easy for ministers to "divide and rule", as shown by yesterday's criticism of the big differential between the pay rise for head teachers and classroom teachers.

The Tories tried to "decentralise" NHS pay by introduc-ing local bargaining but backed off in the face of strong oppo-sition. So Labour will need

THE PRIMARY TEACHER

Ministers want to end the to offer plenty of sweeteners

But there is no doubt that Tony Blair intends to grasp the nettle. In a speech last week, billed by Downing Street as praising the dedication of public-sector employees, he warned that the Government may need to slaughter some

"sacred cows". He asked: "Do we need greater differentials within the public sector? Should we decentralise pay more? What are the lessons of performance pay and where else should we be using it?" Mr Blair already knows the answers, but whether the unions will accept them is quite another matter.

Raiph Surman, 34. is not

impressed by the 3.5 per cent pay award to

been working at Cantrell

salary that is the average

for primary school staff.

disappointed," he said. "They

will think that a courageous

government would have put

its hands in its pockets and given teachers what they

deserve to close the gap with

similar jobs, I don't think this bodes well for teachers in

the classroom, who are

country.

raising standards across the

He does not begrudge

heads their rise, but fears ministers are placating

school managers to smooth

performance-related pay. "I

think people will see a link

with the Green Paper on

wonder whether this is a

settlement by which the

Government will bring in performance-related pay by

buying head teachers off."

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"People will be

Primary School In Nottingham for 12 years. and stands to gain £770 on top of the £22,000-a-year

classroom teachers. He has

£70m extra needed for teachers

EDUCATION

CLASS SIZES will rise and BY JUDITH JUDD teachers will be sacked unless the Government finds another £70m for teachers' pay, local authority leaders said last night.

Ministers retorted that this year's increase in the amount councils are allowed to spend -5.7 per cent - would more than cover the hill.

Graham Lane, chairman of the Local Government Association's education committee, said it was demanding a meeting with ministers to ask for the extra money. "We will be meeting ministers soon and press-ing them to use some of the ates to enter the profession." £1bn which has been put aside for restructuring the whole of teachers' pay to avert a cash crisis for education authorities," he said.

But senior government sources said: "Local authorities tary of State for Education and have been given £1.1bn extra Employment] goes around this year. The cost of this set-returning about how much here tlement is less than half that, puts into education, but not extra money. There is another a much of it is reaching local au-£160m on top of that to reduce thorities and schools class sizes."

From September the head teacher of a typical small primary school will receive

AND BEN RUSSELL

£33,552, up from £30,651, and the head of a large secondary will earn £57.570 compared with £54.552 now.

Secondary school head teachers will be able to earn up to £70,000 but all head teachers' pay will be more closely linked

The Liberal Democrat education spokesman, Don Foster, said: "This award will not help keep good teachers, let alone The Conservative education

spokesman, David Willetts, added: "We welcome this settlement, but we need to be clear about how it is funded. "David Blunkett [the Secre-

The overall pay bill will go up Green Paper on performanceby 3.6 per cent. The pay of a related pay to be implemented newly qualified graduate out- next year would "make the side London will rise from teaching profession better paid opportunity of initial increases turers, said: "They will see this secretary of the Nation of up to 10 per cent based on performance and assessment". adequate pay award, which

THE PRIMARY HEAD

Sheila Wainwright Twenty-two years' experience brought Sheila Walnwright a salary of £30,000 a year. The pay deal will add

anything from £1,800 to £2,700. Mrs Wainwright, who is responsible for 1.5 staff and 180 children at St John's Church of England Primary School in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, is pleased with the rise announced yesterday and hopes it will herald a decent pay rise for classroom

"The increase is most welcome, and we have to see It hopefully as a first step towards increasing rewards for the whole profession. Recently pay has not acknowledged the increase in responsibility we have as heads... the increase in responsibility in the past five years has been astonishing. It is hard to say what is going to happen, but we are going to have make many more decisions about

"Head teachers deserve a reward. We need to acknowledge that heads have a tremendous workload."

against the background of an in-

performance-related pay in

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Peter Smith, leader of the As-back to a failed history." sociation of Schools

pay would do nothing to im- of relatively small primary posals or there's no agree- schools' work." prove recruitment in the pro-schools. We step forward into ment," he said.

retary of the Secondary Heads Teachers, insisted that "teach more likely while the Govern-

John Dunford, general sec-retary of the National Union of ers face. Direct action becomes called for a joint campaign to bring home to the Government

on cover for absences and on Doug McAvoy, general sec. the increased workload teachcency towards shortages and hostility towards year," he said. em that raises major the problems caused by short- teachers," Mr McAvoy said.

However, David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, welcomed the amouncement.

"Those who criticise the pay award to heads are disingenuous, because all concerned being dealt with separately this

Nurses get biggest rise in a decade

HEALTH

nurses for 10 years, according to Frank Dobson - but they were still beaten by the doctors.

Overall, most nurses (about 300,000) were awarded increases of 4.7 per cent, as expected with the biggest rises of 12 per cent going to 27,000 newly qualified staff - taking the minimum starting salary to £14,400. A further 70,000 of the lowest paid received rises of 8.2 per cent

But general practitioners did better with a rise of 3.5 per cent this year plus a further 4 per cent held over from last year, giving an overall rise of 7.65 per cent, equivalent to a cash increase of £4,245. From In inner London the starting 1 April, full-time GPs will earn pay for all newly qualified murs-

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£59,715 on average and the highest-paid consultant with an A-plus distinction award £120,130 compared with the highest-paid nurse who will earn £29,485. All the rises are to be paid in full, as recommended by the pay review bod-

ies, without staging.
The biggest gainers are the
5,000 newly qualified nurses in
the capital who benefit, in addition to the 12 per cent rise, from a 15.4 per cent hike in the London allowance. It is the first such rise in five years, taking it to \$2,205 in the immer city.

es will be £17.325, compared with the current figure of

The announcement, which had been heavily trailed and contained few surprises, drew a subdued response from the unions and a warning from NHS managers that the rises were unaffordable.

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said the increase in starting salaries was welcome but "4.7 per cent simply isn't going to be enough to keep these experienced and highly skilled women and men in the

The British Medical Association accused Mr Dobson of rejecting a central plank of the doctors' pay review body report, which called for an extra £50m to be paid to consultants in 2000-2001 to compensate them for a

ising workload Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the BMA said: "It is totally unacceptable that this recommendation has not been accepted by the Government. Senior hospital doctors will feel deep sense of betrayal."

Mr Dobson announced that £100m would be transferred to health authorities from the £1bn NHS Modernisation Fund of which about £350m is remaining after spending on cut-ting waiting lists and setting up in new buildings, new equip-Primary Care Groups - to help ment and new ways of working," to pay for the increases. He said he said. there had always been an element in the fund for uprating

included in the three-year pected developments in the £21bn settlement for staffing re- service.



THE NURSES

Monica Hirst, 36, (left) community staff nurse in Parkside, north-west London, on E grade. Qualified in 1985. Salary (before the rise) £16,312.

"The 12 per cent should have been paid across the board. A rise of 4.7 per cent will do nothing to retain nurses like me. I am considering leaving. I have looked at care work in social services and the voluntary sector, which is better paid, and I wouldn't have to work weekends or unsocial hours.

"It is such a shame. I like nursing. I go to people's homes doing dressings and giving injections - whatever nursing they need . But as a single parent with a daughter and a mortgage I can't afford to live on the salary. It is very hard meeting those payments on the house and car."

Nora Pearce, 50, (right) midwifery sister, Kingston Hospital, London, or G grade. Qualified in 1985. Salary (before the rise) £19,775.

"I am absolutely delighted at the big rise for newly qualified nurses. We need to get the girls in and they need a decent salary when they get their degree. But it will do nothing to retain the girls who have been qualified 15 or 20 years and who are senior staff nurses at the top of E grade. They are the backbone of the NHS and they are taken for granted.

"I am married with four grown-up children. I am not poor but I feel badly paid for what I do. When I compare the responsibility I have with that of people who are better paid, that's when I feel aggrieved. If I have a bad hair day, someone is going to die."

eration, representing NHS trusts and health authorities, inpay and claimed this would trusts and health authorities, in-not jeopardise plans to mod-sisted that the rises could not be met, even with the extra "There is sufficient money £100m, without scaling down ex-

The Confederation cal-

culated that next year's historically generous 6.6 per cent cash increase for health authorities would be 1.2 points short of the total needed to meet the cost of this year's pay award, the full-year cost of last year's staged award and other centrally imposed measures such as the modernisation of

mental health services and

compliance with European

Union working time directives Stephen Thornton, chief executive, said: "The pay in-creases are sensible and will improve recruitment. But for the core improvements in cancer and heart disease services that have been trumpeted by the Government we will have to wait another year. It is going to be a tough year for the NHS next year."

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High-flying

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A HANDFUL of Britain's most BY BARRIE CLEMENT senior civil servants will receive a pay increase of 10.5 per cent as the Government moves to reward high-flyers. But leaders of the civil servants' union declared their disappointment yesterday at a pay award that fails to guarantee an increase

vice grades will increase by 2.8 per cent, any movement within the scale will depend entirely on performance. It is recommended that the "truly exceptional" should rocket from the bottom to the top of their salary

Yesterday's award, under the recommendations of the senior salaries review body, will mean that the top and bottom salaries for grade ones, the old rank of stant secretary, will go up from £40,418 to £41,550 and £63,492 to £65,270 respectively. The minimum for the 35 per-manent secretaries, the most senior civil servants, will rise from £95,719 to £98,400 and the maximum from £164,318 to £168,910.

Jonathan Baume, general secretary of the First Division Association, the union for senior. civil servants, urged ministers to review the whole system of productivity-related salaries. "It is hard to understand and de-Baume, "There is a hard lesson here for other public-sector workers facing performance

Paul Noone, general secretary elect of the IPMS union, which represents scientists and

Labour Editor

other specialists, pointed out that senior officials were receiving the lowest award so far amounced for public servants. "It makes no sense to discriminate against the very people who are charged with imple-While the highest and lowest menting the Government's salaries for each of the civil seragenda for modernising public agenda for modernising public

services," he said. MPs and junior ministers will receive an automatic 2.8 per cent plus a further 1.5 per cent left over from staged awards in

Judges' salaries will rise by 3.5 per cent, which also includes increases left over from last year. The salary range will move from £70,820-£148,502 to £74,464-

Lower ranks in the armed forces are to receive marginally better treatment on pay than their superiors. While majorgenerals and above will have to prove their worth to enjoy a pay increase, privates and lieu-tenants will receive an automatic rise of 3.6 per cent and 3.7 per cent respectively. The minimum for privates will increase from £10,700 to £11,111 and lieu tenants from £29,000 to £20,800. The maximum salary for a full general, an air chief marshal and an admiral will rise by 3.3 per from £107,600 to £111,200.

George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, said the salary costs of £210m would be contained within expenditi limits announced in July.

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menopause by turning off the body's genetic "switch" responsible for bringing about the change of life in middle-The research has important

implications for understanding the damaging side-effects of the menopause, which is caused when a woman's ovaries go into decline and stop producing female hor-

Researchers have extended the working life of ovaries in a had one of its genes deleted. trois the gradual destruction of ovaries. Jonathan Tilly, who led the research team at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, said the understanding of what controls the menopause has "major implications" for women.

"This will have enormous impact in terms of understanding the changes in women's health associated with the menopause.

"It is a little premature to talk about the applications of the research to humans but for the first time we now have an animal model that may allow us to extend the lifetime of overies in humans." The research is published in the journal Nature

Menopause usually occurs between the ages of 45 and 55 and involves a gradual reduc-tion in the levels of the hormones progesterone and oestrogen, which can lead to the dilation of blood vessels as well as having direct effects on the

nervous system. Women can experience mood swings, loss of libido, anxiety and depression as well as suffering physical symptoms such as osteoporosis (brittle-bone disease), headaches, "hot flushes" and an increased risk of heart disease.

SCIENTISTS MAY soon be able By STEVE CONNOR to delay the onset of the Science Editor

Menopause

may soon be

postponed

Dr Tilly said that if the studies on mice can lead to a method of delaying menopause by interfering with the body's genetic switch, it would provide a more natural alternative to hormone replacement therapy.

Louise Sullivan and a woman believed to be her mother leaving the Old Bailey yesterday

"The problem with HRT is that we can never quite replicate what the body does naturally. This new approach would in effect be a natural hormonereplacement therapy, because the ovaries keep on functionstrain of laboratory mouse that "ing." Another area of interest would be to understand what The "bax" gene normally con- happens in women who experience memature menonaus follicle egg cells in the two in their twenties or thirties, he

> Menopause is characterised by the exhaustion of the finite number of egg cells a woman is endowed with at birth and uses during the course of her reproductive life. Dr Tilly and his colleagues

were able to show that they can prevent the process of "cell suicide" within the ovary, which normally results in the destruction of egg cells and with them the loss of hormone production. Mice with the genetic switch destroyed continued to have viable ovaries with healthy egg cells well into old age, when they usually suffer a deterioration of ovary tissue that is similar although not identical to what happens in the human menopause.

The scientists found that the old mice which still had functioning ovaries showed signs of retaining many of the faculties that deteriorate in normal females, although tests on bone, heart muscle and brain tissues have yet to prove

this, Dr Tilly said. However, when the older females with rejuvenated ovaries were put in cages with males, they did not become pregnant, showing that fertility is not retained, he added.

Rescued climber risks amputation

A CLIMBER who was rescued BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH after spending five days trapped on a mountain in temperatures down to minus 60C must wait at least a week to find out if his fingers and toes will have to be amputated.

Jamie Andrew, 29, from Edinburgh, who was plucked off a ridge on Les Droites, near the French resort of Chamonix on Sunday, is in hospital with severe frostbite. The body of his friend Jamie Fisher, 28, was due to be returned to Britain today.

A spokesman for Chamonix hospital said Mr Andrew's condition was stable. "He will stay here for at least a week." Mr Fisher's mother, Pam,

said yesterday that her son had died doing what he loved. She praised the rescuers who tried to save him and said she was relieved that Mr An-

drew had survived. The two climbers were experienced and well-equipped.

MILES KINGTON



What do you think Man United's players were in a previous incarnation? ESDAY REVIEW PAGE 2

Baby case mother flees court in tears

THE AUSTRALIAN DAWLY Who BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE has admitted shaking to death a baby in her care used the outdated "shake and shout" method of dealing with a convulsive child because she lacked the ability to stop and think, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Louise Sullivan, 27, has a below-average IQ of 81, which makes it difficult for her to deal with problems in a flexible way, a forensic psychologist, Sarah Henley, told the court. Sullivan had wrongly thought that the baby, Caroline Jongen, was having a fit while feeding and reacted according to the way she had been taught at college in Australia

Ms Henley said Sullivan was unable to adapt to new skills. "The [psychological] tests would suggest she would deal with it in the way she had been taught," she said.

She would certainly lack the ability to stop and think." Ms Jongen, ran sobbing from the

Peter Macdiarmid

Henley said the IQ put Sullivan "at the bottom end of the lowaverage range of intellectual

Ms Henley, a defence witness, said she had tested Sullivan on three occasions. She said: "Miss Sullivan

functions in a very concrete, rigid way. It is particularly related to judgement and particularly to an inability to be The evidence came during a

hearing to sentence Sullivan, 27, who two weeks ago admitted shaking Caroline to death last April while working as a namy at the Jongens' north London She pleaded guilty to invol-

untary manslaughter and has been warned she faces a prison

Caroline's mother, Muriel

courtroom after she heard from a osychiatrist that Sullivan still dreams of the infant, who died aged six months

Dr Henry Kennedy, a consultant psychiatrist and member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, who interviewed Sullivan five times, told the court: "She told me not a day goes by when she does not remember baby Caroline. She

"She dreams about the baby and describes the dreams as distinctly dramatic and unsetting. She finds this emotionally comforting.

thinks of what Caroline would

be doing now if she was still

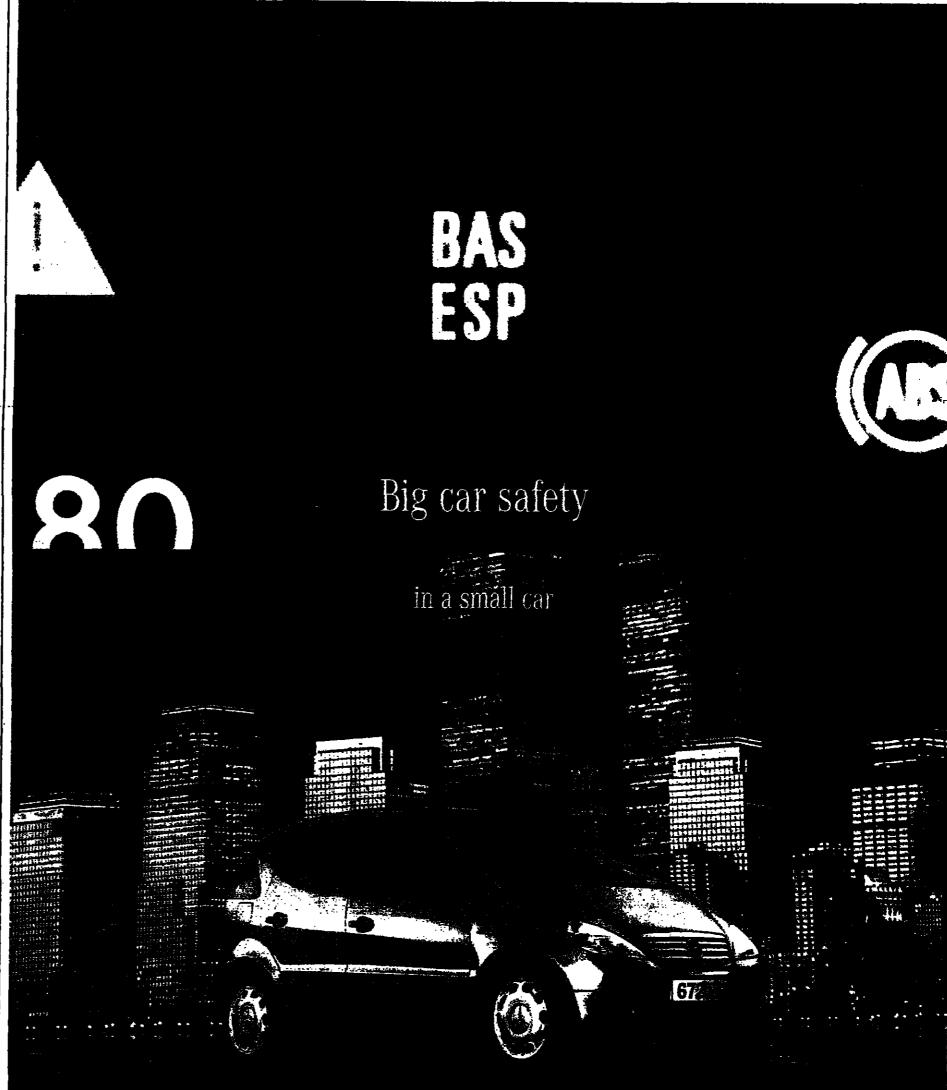
"This is a very common phenomenon among people who are going through the loss of someone who they're very fond of Her expressions of grief

livan as a nanny or child minder spoke of a "friendly" woman keen to care for children. The court heard testimony by video link from an Australian journalist, Marnie Lonsdale, who said that she

had employed Sullivan for nine months with no problems. "She was a good namy but needed direction." Ms Lonsdale said. Nadine Radford QC, for the defence, asked the judge, Mr

Justice Mitchell, to consider other expert evidence, which suggested that Caroline's injuries could have been caused by shaking in a manner not as severe as the prosecution had alleged. She also called witnesses, including Dr Kennedy, who said that they considered Sullivan would be at very high risk of harming herself should she be sent to prison.

Sullivan was freed on bail to



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Met ready to 'take beating on Lawrence'

THE METROPOLITAN Police is prepared to "take a beating" when the report of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry is published this month, John Grieve, the senior Scotland Yard officer in charge of investigating racially motivated crime, said yesterday.

He acknowledged that serious mistakes were made in the investigation of Stephen's murder by a white racist gang

Asked whether he believed there was institutional racism in the force, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Grieve told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "There are wider issues for society here.

"We are not going to hide behind other people's racism: we will take our beating in the next couple of weeks, as we ought to do. But somebody ought to look seriously at the spiritual sickness in society."

Mr Grieve is head of the Metropolitan Police's racial and violent crimes taskforce. His readiness to accept the harsh criticisms expected in Sir William Macpherson of Cluny's report was in marked contrast to the attitude of the main police organisations, which have launched concerted attacks on the credibility of the inquiry over the past week.

The Police Federation, which represents the lower ranks, and the Police Superintendents' Association, which speaks for senior officers, accused the inquiry team of being hostile to the police and obsessed with identifying in- sition is: what is he being now."



stitutional racism. Federation officials claimed that the inquiry had failed to give police witnesses a fair hearing. Chief Superintendent Peter Gammon, of the Police Superintendents' Association, said it had vilified police. "Accusations of racism are still being levelled at officers involved and at the police service as a whole," Mr Gammon said last

Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner, denied that there was institutional racism in the Metropolitan Police when he gave evidence to the in-

Mr Grieve side-stepped the the inquiry had heard 15 different definitions of institutional racism. "My Commissioner has said, 'Yes, we have got racism, yes, we have got racists, yes, some of our policies are downright discriminatory'," he said.

"The Commissioner's po-

When someone tightens up the definition for us, when someone tells us ... what concrete steps we should be taking, then we can have a look at what we are doing."

Asked for his own definition, Mr Grieve quoted a line from a poem by a black writer, Andrea Cook: "It's in the way

you choose, the way we lose.' No one has been convicted of Stephen's murder, and all but one of the senior officers who carried out the investigation are now retired.

Mr Grieve, a former head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said lessons had been learnt from the case. His own task force had arrested 400 people for racially motivated crime since it was set up last July.

"We are trying to make London and indeed the country a hostile environment for racists," he said. "All of us can't spend all of our time looking back and serially apologising for what happened in

We have moved to repair the issues. We have apologised to the family. Doreen and Neville Lawrence (Step hen's parents] have done wonderful things for the country and for our communities here in London. But we have to issue yesterday, saying that move on. We are looking at new ways of dealing with these kinds of crimes.

> Asked if he appreciated that people wanted to see the mistakes in the Lawrence case brought to account, Mr Grieve replied, cryptically: "Yes, and I am looking at that



Driver loses race harassment case

A BLACK motorist who claimed he was stopped by police 34 times in two years because of his colour lost his court claim of racial harassment yesterday.

Carl Josephs, 27, a butcher, made British legal history when he sued the West Midlands police force for racial harassment, false imprisonment and unlawful arrest. Police had never before been sued for racial harassment in a civil

But a jury at a County Court in Birmingham rejected his claims that he was persecuted

By Damien Pearse

by officers from the West Midland force who he said conspired against him between autumn 1994 and November 1996. A panel of four men and four women deliberated for nearly ten hours before reaching their decision. The jurors are still to decide damages on one case of unlawful arrest which Judge Richard Wakerley directed them to find for the

Mr Josephs, 27, of Bromford Bridge, Birmingham, who has

no previous convictions and a clean driving licence, claimed he was stopped 34 times in his distinctive red Metro car with the words One Love on the side and a Jamaican flag draped on the back.

West Midlands Police denied all the allegations.

Mr Josephs was awarded £1,000 for unlawful arrest, which took place in September 1996. The amount was decided after an agreement between counsel for the defendant and the plaintiff.

at the end of an 11-day hearing that was given evidence by to work because of the amount of times he was being asked to more than a dozen officers produce his documents at pobased at police stations in the north of Birmingham. lice stations.

The court was told Mr A doctor told the jury that Mr Josephs began to get stopped Josephs had suffered from after making a complaint against police in 1992 for which stress as a result of the stops and eventually needed to take sleeping pills.

After the case Mr Josephs he was awarded £250 compensation. He told the jury that he

said: "I'm very disappointed prised. I personally think it sends out the wrong message to the community." He said he

GNER refuses to buy trains until it wins franchise deal

THE COMPANY that runs By PHILIP THORNTON Britain's longest stretch of high-speed railway provoked an outcry yesterday by saying it would not pay for new trains to relieve overcrowding unless the Government extended its seven-year franchise.

Great North Eastern Railway (GNER), which operates the East Coast main line between London and Scotland, said it had asked ministers to extend its right to run trains for another eight years in exchange for buy-ing up to 10 more tilting trains and building three new stations.

It said the new stock would allow it to carry 25 per cent more people within four years but warned that, without the new stock, it would only grow by 5 per cent. GNER said it had been the victim of its own success, running more trains and attracting 18 per cent more passengers since it took over an angry response from a senior

Transport Correspondent

the line in 1996. GNER, part of the Sea Containers group, said its franchise should also be extended to show poorly performing rivals such as Virgin how to run a railway properly.

Christopher Garnett, GNER chief executive, said: "We are looking to bring in eight or 10 tilting trains. That's what the route needs to deal with the capacity problems but that only deals with today's problems." He said if the franchise was

not extended the company would not fulfil a promise issued in September 1997 to buy two new tilting trains. He said GNER had underestimated the cost of upgrading the track to take the trains and it would be uneconomic for only two.

GNER's comments provoked



GNER: The company wants eight extra years to make investment worthwhile

Labour backbencher. Andrew Bennett, a member of the Commons Transport Select Committee, said GNER knew the position when it accepted the franchise. "If they don't deliver what they promised then they

should lose their contract." He said GNER's bid was an "outright cheek" as privatisation had so far ensured that shareholders got "the caviar and cream" while passengers suffered overcrowding.

Save Our Railways, a pressure group, said more passengers made the need for new trains more urgent. "Sea Containers have broken all the promises they have made to passengers about new trains and the inevitable result is more overcrowding. Now that overcrowding is being used to try to blackmail the Govern-

ment to extend the franchise."

had invested £40m against a

But Mr Garnett said GNER

franchise promise of £22m, adding: "We are spending phenomenal amounts of money."

Mr Garnett blamed poor performance by other train companies for bringing the industry into disrepute. "We have the best level of service of any train company. One of the ways to raise standards is to give GNER an extension to say to other companies - 'if you had their levels of service then your franchise would be extended ." | year.

Rapists increase use of drugs on victims

was stopped on many occa-

sions without legitimate reason.

and on one occasion police had

threatened to plant drugs in his

car, he claimed. He said he was

eventually forced to leave his

attackers are being investigated for using so called "date rape" drugs to intoxicate their victims before assaulting them.

The number of reports of sex assaults committed under the influence of drugs such as Rohypnol and "GBH" has risen rapidly in the past couple of years. The police and Home Office are to carry out a 12-month national study to investigate the

extent of the problem. The Scotland Yard detectives heading the inquiry have already obtained information about "three or four" men who have been accused of drugging women and then raping and sexually assaulting them. A police spokeswoman would not give any details of the inquiries except to say they were throughout Britain. "There are three or four cases in various

stages of investigation," she In London the number of alleged sex crimes in which men have been suspected of using drugs to disarm their victims have risen from 18 in 1997 to 49 in the first nine months of last

UPTO four suspected serial sex By JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

> The results, however, have all been negative and detectives believe the increase could be due to a rise in public concern

> The issue of "date rape" drugs, particularly the substance Rohypnol, has caused growing concern since sex offenders in the United States started using them. There are about 1,000 known cases in the US that involve assaults on

women, men and children. The drugs are usually secretly placed into a victim's drink in tablet or liquid form. In the case of Rohypnol a woman would become semi-conscious for about 10 to 12 hours.

Once the effects have worn off the victim may have blackouts and flashbacks for several hours or days before they can remember what happened. Unfortunately, the drug stays in the blood stream for no more than 48 hours and in the urine for 72, making it extremely hard to detect unless tests are carried out shortly after the assault. Rohypnol was made a

class C drug last year and is now only legally available on prescription, although it can be

bought on the black market.

The anaesthetic drug GHB

nicknamed GBH (grievous bodily harm) - which has also been used in rapes, stays in the body for only eight hours. Benzodiazepines - minor tranquillisers - such as Temazepam have also been used in "date rapes" in the United States.

Detective Superintendent Chris Brightmore, one of the two officers involved in the research, said they would be questioning sex offenders, including paedophiles, in prisons to discover whether the drugs were used. He would also like rape victims who believe they were drugged to contact the

Inspector Peter Sturman added: "Over the last two years there has been growing public concern about the possible use of drugs in order to commit rape and other sexual offences.

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University opens Far East branch

ONE OF Britain's leading uni-versities is to become the first to Education Corresp open a campus in the Far East. Academics hope the University of Nottingham in Malaysia will open in Kuala Lumpur next year. They expect the university to attract 2,500

students within five years. Senior figures from Nottingham were in the Malaysian capital last week for a formal ceremony inviting them to submit plans for the new universi-ty, to be established in the city's former National Art Gallery. The £18m venture will specialise in management and business, electrical and electronic engineering and com-puter science - all subjects

popular with overseas students studying in Britain. It is promising "a high-quality campus environment in keeping with the ethos and tradition of the University of Nottingham as a leading international university".

Education Correspondent

cruited in the Far East, but the university hopes to attract a number of lecturers from the East Midlands. Students will have computer links to the campus in England and British undergraduates will be able to

spend part of their course studying in Kuala Lumpur. The venture is part of a erowing trend towards selling British education overseas. A string of universities already runs courses abroad under

Nottingham alumni include Malaysia's supreme head of state, Ja'afar ibni Abdul Rahman, and its minister of education, Najib Tun Razak, A former supreme head of state and former defence and science ministers are also graduates.

East, Harrow School opened a branch in Bangkok last year. Dulwich College, south London, which counts P G Wodehouse and Raymond Chandler among its old boys, has gone as far as to build a replica of its buildings on the Thai island of

Figures from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) published last week showed a 50 per cent fall in applications from Malaysian students, a consequence of the Asian economic turmoil of the past year

But Keith Jones, the registrar of the University of Nottingham, said there was demand for the new institution as part of efforts to build Malaysian higher education and establish the nation as a regional centre of excellence.

Fees at the new university will vary between subjects, but English schools have also are expected to be roughly half seen the potential of the Far those charged to foreign stu-

dents studying in Britain. Mr Jones said: "It will be the first time a British university has operated in this way.

"It will be a campus in Malaysia but it will be an integral part of Nottingham."

John Nance, an expert on international education at the British Council, said: "This is the partnership of the future. These countries will probably send fewer students here in the future. They will be looking more and more for education at home. In south-east and eastern Asia, academic excellence is a god. It's essential for students to get a first degree at least and probably a second or

"Britain has very, very long-standing relationships with this part of the world and our universities have a record of re-cruiting students, but we can't look to our laurels because the United States and Australia

IN BRIEF

Family dies in fumes accident

TWO ADULTS and two boys have been found dead from suspected carbon monoxide poisoning at their home in Brimington, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire, A neighbour alerted police yesterday, who said that the deaths were not being treated as suspicious.

Cancer claim settled for £65,000

A WOMAN diagnosed with cervical cancer after a GP allegedly failed to advise her to have a smear test accepted £65,000 yesterday in settlement of her High Court damages claim. Helen Barthorpe, 39, of Bath, was diagnosed as suffering from an advanced stage of the cancer in 1994.

Crash victim awarded £1.4m

JUNE WARD, 57. of Crawley, West Sussex, who was left in a persistent vegetative state after a crash with another driver in 1992, was awarded £1.4m agreed damages in the High Court. The figure was awarded by consent against Elizabeth Hutchins, of Littlehampton, West Sussex.

'Pay farmers to help wildlife'

FARMERS SHOULD be paid £200 per hectare to create and look after habitats that encourage the return of wild birds, animals and insects to the countryside, the Wildlife Trusts say today in a plan that would switch £1.6bn in agricultural subsidies to an environmental fund.

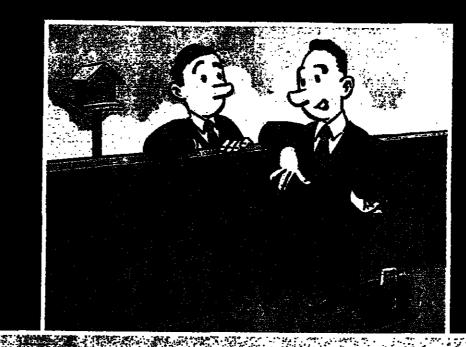


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Old jokes reincarnated as painfully embarrassing moments

Culture Secretary, had been struck by a happy thought as he scanned the front page of The Guardian yesterday. Perhaps he shared it with his wife over the breakfast cereals, perhaps she then explained Daddy's joke to the children.

Perhaps, though, he kept his counsel and carried the notion with him into the House like a pocket hand-warmer, a concealed flame that he hugged against the chill of this most thankless task - appearing to give a dama about the Government's plans for regional theatres. And then finally, during questions about the Millennium Dome, he spotted an opportunity to

take his light out of its bushel. He acronyms for which the Government had been most interested to read of has such a weakness. Fortunately for plans to freeze the Thames at Greenwich, he told the House with an anticipatory grin, but wouldn't the minister agree with him that "this was taking the idea of 'Cool Britannia' a little too far?"

Members tittered politely or is-sued the mildly approbatory groan the House reserves for overpolished lines. His colleague, Richard Spring, was packing heat too - arriving in

the chamber with a concealed joke that he suddenly whipped out when questioning Chris Smith about something called Quest, yet another of those purposeful sounding there was bound to be a question

has such a weakness. Fortunately for Mr Smith, the joke in question was a harmless replica - it looked like a deadly jibe but it could only fire blanks: "What has happened to the 'arm's length principle'," Mr Spring demanded severely. "his understanding of which is on a par with the Venus de Milo." Mr Smith waved away the blue smoke with a prac-

tised air of contempt. His frontbench colleague, Tony Banks, was luckier, in that he got his prepared gag out pretty soon after curtain up, when the audience was

in a more receptive mood. Mr Banks would have known THE SKETCH



THOMAS SUTCLIFFE

about the England football coach's rather punitive notions about disability (one can only assume that Glenn Hoddle disapproves of wheela blasphemous mitigation of divine

he had come prepared.

After Ivor Caplin had added an indignant codicil to an innocuous question about the National Stadium, he rose to confess his exasperation at recent events in his manor, events that had led him to reflect on his own past-life misdemeanours: "I can only conclude that I was Vlad the Impaler," he said, "and I felt all of my impaling instincts come back as I surveyed the sporting world this week."

Mr Banks, who was actually a music hall comedian in his previous life and has carried through the

chair ramps and Braille notices as a blasphemous mitigation of divine istence, got a genuine laugh for the istence, got a genuine laugh for the istence istence, got a genuine laugh for the way in which he had side-stepped which is the laugh for the interest of the laugh to listen as the Labour treatment treatment to listen as the Labour treatment treatment to listen as the Labour treatment treatment treatment to listen as the Labour treatment the skewer of the question.

All this talk of reincarnation naturally led to more general speculation about the karmic prospects - what, for instance, will the Conservative Party return as once it has finally passed on? It can't be long now, because the death rattles are getting ever more strident.

Yesterday's question session was a good case in point - a messy ex-ercise in hand-to-hand in which the will to wound was present but the means to do it completely absent. Again and again Tory backbenchers rose, misfired loudly and front bench took the opportunity to

Michael Fubricant, who in a previous life was a Pekinese with an erotic fixation for society ladies' legs, was typical of the ill-prepared attacks - roundly denouncing Labour for breaking an election promise on museum charges and then being obliged to sit and look bashful as Alan Howarth detailed exactly how Labour was going about keeping it. To make Mr Howarth look impressive is something of an achievement, it is true. but not one that is likely to earn Mr Fabricant many Brownie points on his particular astral plane.

Labour MPs warn of revolt on peers

a backbench revolt if it accepts a deal to keep nearly 100 herednary peers beyond the first stage of its House of Lords reform, Labour MPs warned yesterday.

Tony Benn, the MP for Chesterfield, said the proposed compromise would breach the party's manifesto commitment to scrap hereditaries' voting rights. Speaking during the second reading of the House of Lords Bill, he said: "I support not being obstructed by peers. this Bill because it abolishes feudalism. But you have made a big mistake if you come back and ask us to reverse our manifesto commitment by endorsing the principle of hereditary peers.

"Don't ask us to endorse the principle of hereditary peers, elected by other hereditary peers, and the principle of appointed peers because both of them are an absolute denial of the democratic principle that this House is based on and the upper chamber should be

Lamenting prime ministers' unduly large power of patronage, Mr Benn, who, as Viscount Stansgate gave up his peerage in the Sixties to sit in the Commons, said he would like to introduce a Modernisation of the Premiership Bill, which would By Sarah Schaefer

Political Reporter

force all prime ministerial appointments to be approved by the elected Commons.

However, Margaret Beckett. the Leader in the Commons, made clear the Government would be prepared to accept the deal if other keynote legislation was

If not, she warned, ministers were prepared to use the Parliament Act under which the Bill in its present form would become law after a year's delay. The amendment to retain 91

hereditaries will be introduced in the Lords by Lord Weatherill, the chairman of the crossbenchers. Opening the two-day debate yesterday, Mrs Beckett said: "Should this Bill be obstructed in the Lords, despite being a clear

manifesto pledge, or should it ap-

pear that the consensus and

Bill that we should wish to apply the Parliament Act." She sought to counter backbench concern, pledging that even with such an amendment the automatic rights of heredi-

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Tony Benn: Call to end the power of patronage

moved because those elected by their peers would be there in a personal capacity and their heirs would not inherit their seats.

But Nicholas Hawkins, the Tory MP for Surrey Heath, claimed that this amounted to putting a "pistol to the heads" of the Lords, adding: "If that is good faith for which we hope is the case, the word that would lacking, then it is to this simple be applied to that in the courts would be 'blackmail'."

Mrs Beckett branded the right of the 750 hereditaries to sit in the second chamber by virtue of birth alone "utterly, totally and literally indefensible". tary peers would have been re- Some hereditaries had "bene-

fited from dubious favours, sometimes sexual, sometimes financial, performed for past monarchs", she said.

Pointing to the in-built threeto-one Tory majority in the Lords, Mrs Beckett said the Government had been defeated almost three times more often by peers than had happened on average during the previous Tory government.

Andrew Robathan, the Tory MP for Blaby, was cheered by his own benches when he accused Mrs Beckett of "revelling in class warfare".

Dr Liam Fox, the party's constitutional spokesman, urged ministers to extend the legislative power of the second chamber by increasing peers' ability to scrutinise secondary legislation such as European direc-Challenging

Government over its "hidden agenda" behind the reform, Dr Fox added Tony Blair's real aim was to weaken the Lords' power as a second chamber "that he and his cronies could control". An independent commis-

sion, chaired by the Tory peer Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the former lord chancellor, will report on alternative proposals for a future second chamber at the beginning of March.

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Margaret Hodge admiring the two photographs she selected for her office at the Department for Education and Employment, by the photographer Monica Rene (right)

John Voos

Cook tells Serbs that RAF is ready to bomb next week

BRITISH WARPLANES are ready to launch air strikes against Yugoslavia early next week if Serbia fails to turn up to peace talks to resolve the Kosovo crisis, the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, warned yesterday.

In an emergency statement to the House of Commons, Mr Cook said that RAF Harrier jets based in Italy were poised to lead military action if the Serbs failed to comply with Nato demands.

However, he stressed that if the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army also refused to turn up to the talks in Paris this Saturday, there was no question of any bombing of Serb targets as Britain would not act as the

KLA's air force. The Foreign Secretary told MPs that he had just returned from the Balkans, where he made clear to President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia and ethnic Albanian leaders the international community's de-

termination to end the conflict. Under a plan drawn up by the six-nation Contact Group of Nato allies, both sides have

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

until Saturday to begin negotiating a three-year interim settlement to give Kosovo more autonomy. They will have a week in which to come to The talks were the best op-

portunity to date for both the warring parties in Kosovo to achieve a political settlement and end the "humanitarian catastrophe" of recent atrocities in the province, Mr Cook said. "I urge both of them now to seize that opportunity and give the people of Kosovo hope for their future in place of fear of the present bloodshed," he said.

An RAF contingent of eight Harrier jets based in Gioia del Colle in southern Italy could bomb Serb air bases within 48 hours of an order from the Nato Secretary-General, Javier Solana, Mr Cook said. If, however, the Serbs and ethnic Albanians agreed to a peace deal, ground troops were ready to go into Kosovo to enforce a negotiated settlement. Both Britain

and France were committed to offering ground troops for enforcement, but Mr Cook hinted that the United States was now also preparing to take part in such a peace-keeping force.

Mr Cook also told the Commons that the Serbian security forces had "prime responsibili-" for the atrocity in Racak, when 45 civilians, including old men and a child, were murdered in cold blood.

Michael Howard, the shadow Foreign Secretary said that it had been almost eight months since the Foreign Secretary first issued threats to President Milosevic. "Threats have been issued and not carried out," he said. Mr Howard accused the Government of "dithering" over Kosovo, but the Mr Cook dismissed the aliegation as party politicking.

"You refer to a period of eight months - may I remind you that it was in 1990 that President Milosevic suspended the autonomy of Kosovo?" he said. "Today's storm has been gathering since then and for seven of those years your party was

payout glitch SOCIAL SECURITY

£4m for

pension

NEARLY 400,000 benefit claimants and pensioners will be paid compensation of at least £10 each for chaos caused by the breakdown of a Contributions Agency computer, the Government announced.

The package was unveiled in the Lords after Tories and Liberal Democrats insisted the poor had been hit hardest. The Social Security minister Baroness Hollis of Heigham announced the policy during debate on the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions) Bill.

Pensioners, widows and incapacity benefit claimants were underpaid when a computer system designed to calculating national insurance contributions crashed last summer.

The Contributions Agency had outraged pensioners' groups when it said it would compensate only those people owed £100 or more after the breakdown of the National Insurance Recording System.

Wembley sold

WEMBLEY'S replacement, the English National Stadium, has come a step nearer with Wembley plc and the English National Stadium Development Company having exchanged contracts for the sale of Wembley Stadium, the Sports minister, Tony Banks, said.

Plastic bullets

PLASTIC BULLETS will still be used to quell riots in Northern Ireland because no alternatives were effective enough "in Northern Ireland conditions", the Northern Ireland minister Adam Ingram said.

MPs' expenses MPS CAN claim travel and subsistence expenses for one trip to European

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parliament of any EU state

QUESTIONS AND **ANSWERS**

this year, the Privy Council Office minister, Paddy Tipping, announced.

Today's agenda Commons

■ Health questions
■ House of Lords Bill, second reading last day,

Short debate on libraries Lords 2.30pm Trustee Delegation Bill, committee

Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Bill, committee Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Bill, second

reading ■ Debate on planning procedures on proposals for new airports

Millennium bug RAIL, AIR and ferry

companies claim they are unable to find anyone to insure them for 1 January 2000, Anne McIntosh, the Tory MP for Vale of York, warned during question

'Frozen' Thames

JANET ANDERSON, the Tourism minister, dismissed as pure speculation a story that the Thames could be frozen over from New Year's Eve to transport the Queen to the Millennium Dome. She was responding at question time to shadow Culture Secretary Peter Ainsworth who had asked: "Isn't this taking the idea of Cool Britannia a little too far?"

'Times' inquiry THE INQUIRY by the Director-General of Fair

Trading, John Bridgeman,

THE HOUSE



into alleged predatory pricing by The Times should be finished by the end of this month, the Trade and Industry minister Lord Simon of Highbury said during question time.

Jubilee Line TUBE MANAGERS are

drawing up contingency plans in case the Jubilee Line extension is not finished in time to carry visitors to and from the Millennium Dome, the Transport minister Glenda Jackson disclosed in a written reply.

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'I cannot get a fair trial' says Noye

BRITAIN'S MOST wanted man, BY ELIZABETH NASH Kenneth Noye, who has been linked with the M25 road-rage killing, told Spain's national court he opposed being extradited because the British media would make it impossible for him to receive a fair trial

"I think I've already had my trial in England because of the media," Mr Noye, 51, yesterday told magistrates considering a warrant submitted in September by Kent police. The hearing was in Madrid's high-

in Madrid

security court, usually used for Eta terrorism trials. The judges are expected to rule in a week.

Mr Noye, asked why he opposed the extradition request, glanced at the dozens of British journalists behind an armouredglass screen and said: "It's impossible for me to get a fair trial because of the media and the unfair and unreasonable way I was identified in a restaurant.

All I ask is for the trial to be fair

Asked by his lawyer, Manuel Murillo, if he had anything to do with the stabbing of Stephen Cameron on an M25 slip-road in May 1996, Mr Noye said "No". Spanish police arrested him in August last year in a restaurant in the town of Barbate, near Cadiz.

The chief prosecutor at yesterday's hearing, Eduardo Fungairino, said the court's purpose was only to decide

tradited. "Britain's extradition request was presented scrupulously through all the requisite diplomatic channels and meets all the necessary requirements

it is not for the Spanish court to dispute the facts in the case." Mr Fungairino conceded that the method whereby Mr Noye was identified before his arrest - by photofit rather than by identity parade - "did not exactly accord with Spanish law". but this formed "no impedi-

Kent JP has presented an international warrant ... Britain presented an absolutely convincing account of the events concerning the stabbing and came to the conclusion that it could have been done by no

Mr Murillo asked for extradition to be denied, saying the photofit identification - "the only piece of evidence against

other person than Kenneth

"It is enough for us that a Spanish law. The Spanish constitution demanded "the principle of reciprocity" when granting extradition. "This means Britain must provide evidence of the substantive case on which he is charged, and we have to examine the evidence to see if it is sufficient. We re-

> grounds of insufficient evidence and ask for more information." The presiding judge denied Mr Noye's request to question

ject the application on the

ment" to granting extradition. him" - was "worthless" in a British police officer present the judge cut him off, saying this at the hearing, but invited him to make a statement.

What were they [the police] doing?" Mr Nove asked. "They issued no arrest warrant for two years and three months, then arrested me on an illegal identification. All I'm asking is for the judges to be fair and reasonable. If one of them was an English person sitting in a restaurant and police were looking for a dark-haired, much younger man ..." At this point

was in his defence statement. "There's nothing more then. Thank you very much," said Mr Nove and sat down.

After the hearing Detective Inspector Dennis McGookin said: "We are pleased with the way the proceedings have gone and we await the judgment of the court." Mr Nove will be allowed to appeal within three days of the ruling and the court would decide on the appeal

Sex-crazed ruddy ducks to be shot

A LONG-AWAITED death sentence was passed yesterday on the ruddy duck, a waterfow introduced to Britain 50 years ago whose sex drive is now threatening a much rarer

Ruddy ducks are to be shot across the country in a trial to see if they can be wiped out completely, and so save their relative, the endangered whiteheaded duck of Spain, from being hybridised to extinction.

The decision, announced yesterday by the Environment minister, Michael Meacher, was twice put off by the previous government and will set conservationists head-to-head against animal welfare The Royal Society for the

Protection of Birds strongly backed the move but the pressure group Animal Aid said it was "kow-towing to the lunatic fringe of birdwatchers" and accused the Government of 'species racism". Mr Meacher has accepted the advice of a special taskforce

the main wildlife agencies and bird organisations, which says that the biggest threat to the white-headed duck's survival is interbreeding with ruddy ducks

originating in Britain.

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY Environment Correspondent

one of Europe's rarest kirds and is globally endangered, with its world population thought to number no more than 16,000. In Europe, Spain is now its last stronghold. In the 1970s its numbers there were down to 22, but determined conservation work has brought the numbers up to about 1,000.

However, conservationists say the ruddy duck, a closely related bird of North American origin, is rendering this effort worthless because male birds from Britain now fly to Spain, aggressively mate with female white-headed ducks and produce fertile hybrids. They fear the small white-headed population will be bred out of existence. They also fear that other populations, in Turkey and parts of Asia, are also at risk because ruddy ducks have now arrived in these areas.

Trial shooting of some of Britain's estimated 4,000 ruddy ducks will start in the spring at breeding sites in the West Midhe set up on the problem, from lands, Anglesey and Fife, the Government said yesterday. It will continue for three years so the possibility of wiping out the birds can be assessed

"This has been a very diffi-



A ruddy duck, which is to be culled in a move labelled 'species racism' by animal welfare campaigners

a duty to maintain, as far as we can, the current diversity of species," Mr Meacher said. "There is strong scientific evidence that the ruddy duck

gently required." A number of other European countries, with Spain in the lead, have been pressing Britain to act.

Yesterday the Royal Society survival of the white-headed backed Mr Meacher. "As the so-very high priority and ignoring

made on the basis that we have tion to remove the threat is ur- serving global biodiversity it supports this unwelcome but necessary task," said Dr Mark Avery, the society's director of conservation. "The RSPB be-

lieves that the conservation of poses a serious threat to the for the Protection of Birds the white-headed duck is a

pose will inevitably lead to the

extinction of a species." But Animal Aid said it was a slaughter to appease anorak birdwatchers". The group's director, Andrew Tyler, said: "The birdwatching anoraks won't tolerate this mixing of blood. They

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Bill Coster/NHPA

offended by the idea of genetic impurity but because it makes it more difficult to compile the lists of birds seen through their binoculars,"

In 1997 John Gummer an nounced a ruddy duck cull. It was cancelled in the run-up to

Tutors quizzed on love interest

BY IAN SHOESMITH

STAFF AT a university may be asked to deciare any romantic interests with students or col-Managers at Bradford University said the idea was intended to eliminate allegations of favouritism from students having affairs with their tutors. And staff turned down for promotion would be able to see what intimate relationships were going on between bosses and

The proposed policy of declaring "any relationship where there might be potential con-flicts of interest" is contained in a consultation document to be put to staff and students.

But the Association of University Teachers, a lecturers' trade union, said it invaded members' privacy. The branch president, Adrian Pearce, said: We already have a code covering staff-student relationships and a code against harassment. We do not think it is necessary or practical to start trying to define which relationships ... need to be declared."

A spokesman for the university said: "We have prepared draft guidelines building on the current guidelines, which cover staff-student relationships." He added that the teachers' association had pressed for a formal

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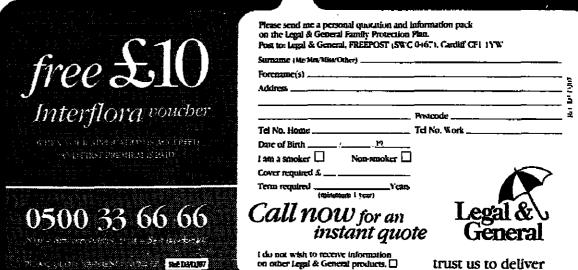
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Police club Kenya's green protesters

STUDENTS AT two Kenyan universities clashed with riot police yesterday as violence spread in a protest against the exploitation of one of Kenya's

last surviving virgin forests. clubs against the students, who since Friday evening had been burning vehicles in the capital. Nairobi, as part of their anti-government protest. The deputy vice-chancellor of Nairobi University, Crispus Kiamba. announced that the college had been closed indefinitely.

New anti-riot armoured vehicles imported from South Africa were deployed for the first time yesterday, with teargas and rubber bullets.

Witnesses said that more than 1,000 students clashed with hundreds of riot police after the protesters blocked the Thika leading to the city centre. News reports said the Japanese and Ugandan ambassadors to Kenya had been assaulted by the forest, which is governstudents who stopped their vehicles on the road.

The protests began over government land deals in the pro-

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tected Karura forest on Nairobi's northern fringe, which the students say have involved a great deal of corruption. Over the past few months the deals have been condemned at both the local and international

Last month, the internationally known environmentalist, Wangari Maathai, was reportprotest and plant some saplings at Karura.

After commandeering tractors to storm the gates of the forest, the students shifted the focus of their protest to the streets of the capital and have now issued various demands, including the cancellation of the road, a main transport artery Karura deals and the release of

The protesters are angry about the allocating of plots in ment owned, for the construction of an upmarket housing

forest is a vital green lung for Nairobi, a highly congested city with a population of more than three million. Suspicion is widespread that politicians and other members of the government have profited from the sale of forest plots.

At a news conference yesterday, the leader of the opposition Democratic Party, Mwai Kibaki, condemned the police violence and called on President Daniel arap Moi to resign. "It is edly beaten up by the police particularly alarming and dis-when she attempted to lead a gusting that the Moi regime has again resorted to the use of... repression and declared war against its own citizens to protect a few corrupt cronies," Mr Kibaki said.

State radio later carried a brief statement from Mr Moi, saying the protests had been sparked by "hatred and tribalism". He had yet to issue an official comment on the protests yesterday.

On Sunday, the Anglican Archbishop of Nairobi, the Most Rev David Gitari, said he would lead bishops in their clerical mbes to Karura forest to join the demonstrations.



Kiot police confronting students in Nairobi yesterday as violence grew during protests at property deals in protected forest

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Dutch spurn Kurd's hope of sanctuary

LIKE A hijacker seeking a safe BY IMRE KARACS port, the Kurdish guerrilla in Bonn leader Abdullah Ocalan was criss-crossing the airspace over Europe yesterday in an epic search for a place that he could at last call home.

Forced out of Syria, Russia and Italy in quick succession, Mr Ocalan had flown to Rotterdam in a private jet late on sona non grata by the Dutch Sunday night, only to be denied landing rights by the Dutch authorities. The leader of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) then flew on, destination unknown.

The Turkish government, which wants to put Mr Ocalan on trial for his role in the death of 29,000 people during the Kurdish struggle for independence. said last night the aircraft was sitting on the apron of Athens ian tip-off. airport, awaiting permission to enter from the Greek government. The Greeks denied the Turkish report, and said they did not want the Kurdish leader on their soll. No government was prepared to venture a guess as to where Mr Ocalan had begun his flight in the first place.

He was supposed to have left litaly on 16 January, after failing to secure political asylum. He was then rumoured to have returned to Russia, or settled in another eastern European country certain execution. or somewhere in the Middle East, or even South Africa.

tain was that late on Sunday set to spark off another round night, Mr Ocalan was again on the move. Tipped off about his imminent arrival, about 200 Kurds had turned up at Rotterdam airport to cheer him.
The Dutch authorities, however, found the landing documents wanting, and told him to

According to Mr Ocalan's lawyer, the Kurdish leader had gone to the Netherlands to put Kurdistan's case personally to the international court in The Hague. But he was promptly declared perjustice ministry.

There are not many countries that would want Mr Ocalan. Syria - haven and military base for the PKK for many years - showed him the door last autumn in the face of mounting Turkish pressure. He washed up in Russia, but was sent on his way again. On 12 November, he was arrested at Rome airport after a Russ-

That might have been the end of the road, except that even the countries that had put him on their most-wanted lists turned out not to want him after all.

Fearing riots among its large Kurdish and Turkish populations, Germany hurriedly withdrew its long-standing extradition order. Italy also decided it had no quarrel with the Kurds. That left only Turkey seeking Mr Ocalan, and Italy refused to hand him over to near-

Because of Italy's controversial decision, Mr Ocalan is All that could be said for cer- a free man, but homeless, and of Greek-Turkish hostilities.

"We know he is at Athens airport," Korkmaz Hakmatir, under-secretary at the Turkish your pick

Iran rock'n'rolls for Khomeini

THE STREETS are decked out BY BORZU ARANI in lights and posters, the night sky aglow with a laser show and fireworks that reflect off the snow on the Alborz mountains dominating downtown Tehran. to allow the country's massive Plans are under way for a mas- young population more freedom has seen.

Yesterday, Iran started a 10day celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the Islamic revolution that, officially, liberated the people from the Shah's regime.

But for many the festivities themselves mark another liberation of sorts, from the two decades of Islamic rule the country has lived through since the bearded figure of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini stepped on to the asphalt of Tehran's Mehrabad airport on 1 February 1979.

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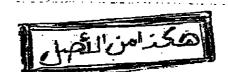
powerful, hardline opponents, who still exert great influence, sive rock concert, amid one of the biggest street parties Iran they need to be able to do more than just pray in the mosques. The pop concert, if it goes ahead, will be the first since the time of the Shah.

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Rock music was banned by the revolutionaries for its corrupting Western influence. Now though, no self-respecting middle-class household in

Tehran is without Oasis tapes. The anniversary also sees art exhibitions and festivals celebrating both the increasingly acclaimed home-grown film scene and, unprecedentedly, Western cinema.

State television has been Like everything in today's showing recent Hollywood Iran, the celebrations illustrate movies and Robert De Niro has the tension between hardliners been invited to attend a celetrue to the legacy of Ayatollah bration of his films in Tehran, Khomeini and reformers two developments that would aligned with President Mo-make the gentleman who starthammad Khatami. Mr Khata- ed it all 20 years ago turn in his



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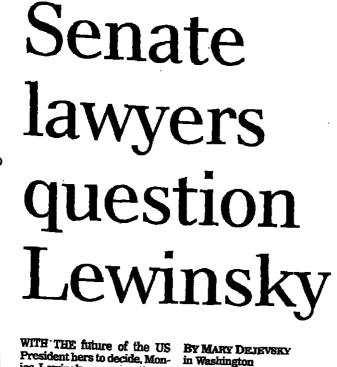
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ica Lewinsky was questioned for much of yesterday by lawyers trying to establish the truth of the charges against him. It was the 23rd time the former White House trainee had been questioned under oath about their relationship and probably the most crucial.

Ms Lewinsky and her questioners were holed up behind several sets of closed doors at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, the hotel where Ms Lewinsky has been staying since she returned from Cali-

fornia on Saturday.
It was decided not to summon her to the Capitol, for her own convenience and to avoid causing gridlock in Washington.

Outside the Mayflower yesterday, there were broad smiles from passers-by at the flock of reporters now banished from the lobby to the opposite side of the road, and some street theatre that included an almost naked cowboy. Sporting only black under-

pants and snakeskin boots. despite the near zero temperature, he sang, appropriately enough: "If it's trouble you want, then I've got it." The lawyers had arrived

shortly before 9am. For the White House, Mr Clinton's private lawyer, David Kendall, and the two female lawyers in the White House team, Nicole Seligman and Cheryl Mills. Plato Cacheris, Ms Lewinsky's lawyer, had arrived shortly before, also accompanied by a female lawver.

The first four hours of questioning were led by Ed Bryant, one of the 13 Republican "prosecutors" from the House of Representatives who are trying could muster.

ton's conviction Mr Bryant, the Representative from Tennessee, was one of three prosecutors who held a preliminary meeting with Ms Lewinsky the week before and the one, reports said, who communicated with her most easily.

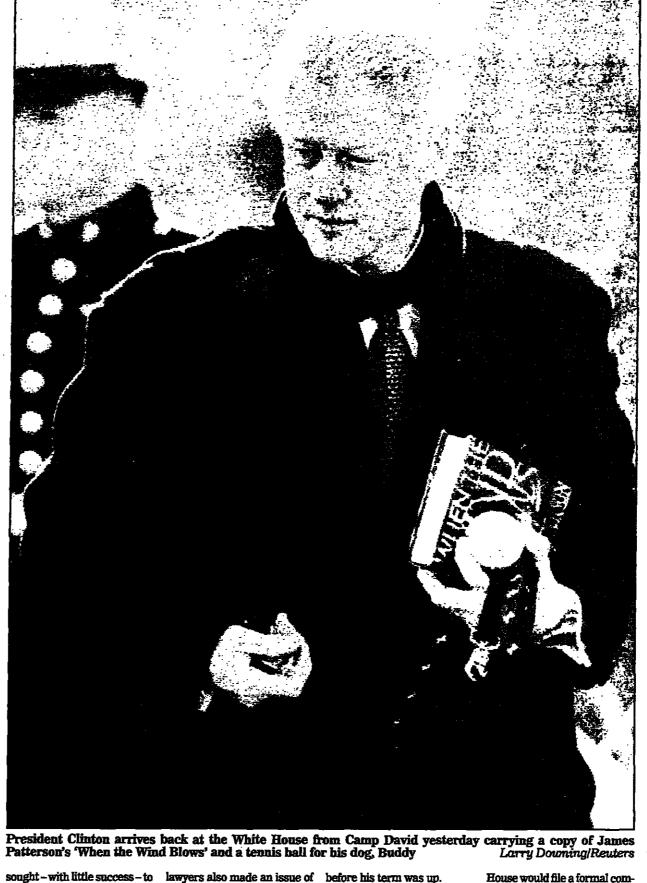
Questions were expected to focus on Mr Clinton's role, if any in the removal of gifts from Ms Lewinsky's flat and the affidavit she signed denying a sexual relationship with the President.

Advance speculation about a "Perry Mason" style denouement was dampened by one of the House prosecutors, Bill McCollum, who told a television interviewer: "I don't want anybody to think there's some bombshell out there."

Lest their insistence on calling Ms Lewinsky be thought prurient, Republicans have also stressed that their questions would be about lies and The afternoon session was

allocated to the White House defence lawyers. Two senators presided, one Republican and one Democrat, and the proceedings were videotaped, although the Senate has still to decide whether the tape will ever be made public. While yesterday's question-

and-answer session at the Mayflower was the first opportunity Mr Clinton's lawyers have had to quiz Ms Lewinsky directly, the encounter was one the White House had done its utmost to prevent. Apparently close to panic about what she might say, spokesmen, lawyers and Democrat senators had used every argument they



tation of the US budget for independent prosecutor Ken-

distract Monica-fixated Wash- a New York Times report over ington with the formal presen- the weekend claiming that the 2000, the first "surplus" budget neth Starr, might initict Mr

"The office of the indepen-

dent counsel has once again engaged in illegal and partisan leaking, "objected Mr Kendall, for a generation. White House Clinton for obstruction of justice announcing that the White taken

House would file a formal complaint. Mr Starr's office, however, formally denied any leak, saying that no decision on indicting the President had been

President tackles huge cash surplus

launched his annual budget plan yesterday, ignoring the continuing drama of the impeachment trial to focus on the remaining two years of his term in office.

Spurning Republican calls for tax cuts, the President instead proposed a weiter of proiects that will put money into people's pockets by other

The budget contains a vast array of mini-projects that seem designed to underpin support for the Democrats in the 2000 elections. It must be passed by the Republicancontrolled Congress before it takes effect.

The main issue in the budget is how to deal with the vast surplus that the United States believes it will accumulate over the next few years. In 2000, the year covered by the budget plan, the President predicts a surplus of \$117bn (£71bn), and for the decade as a whole, the surplus is likely to be about 2.41 trillion dollars, the White House says. For most of the past 30 years, the US government has been spending beyond its means, running up large deficits every year and hefty

For most of that time, the politics of the US was the politics of the deficit, but that has now shifted abruptly to working out what to do with a growing cash mountain. The White House wants to use it to prop up the ailing pension system which will be heavily depleted as the baby-boom generation moves towards retirement. The Republicans want to reduce taxes. This is likely to be one of the main issues they will use as they head into the 2000 Presidential elections.

The main proposal from Mr Clinton is to put nearly twothirds of the surplus into the pension system, and more into the scheme that pays for medical care for elderly people. The President wants to put some of the surplus into the stock market under government management, an idea

PRESIDENT BILL Clinton By ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

> central bank and others nervous. It would give the government a big stake in the stock market, and it is hard to see how the scheme could be made safe from government interference.

But the White House has also artfully constructed a spending and revenue package that has something for everyone, especially core Democrat supporters. The budget includes tax relief for childcare and for people caring for elderly relatives. It proposes more money for education, and would put in place incentives for companies to invest in poor innercity areas. It would close a series of corporate tax loopholes to raise more cash to fund these, emphasising that the President wants to save, not spend the surplus.

The budget also protects a weak political flank by proposing a boost to defence spending of \$112bn up to 2005. Next year's spending increase is more modest, about \$12bn, of which most is either cash reallocated from other Pentagon spending plans or projected economic savings. Only about \$5bn is new money. But the effect is to plug many of the gaps the military had identified and make it much less likely that there will be a dispuste over defence spending.

■ A US Marine pilot went on trial at the Camp Lejeune base in North Carolina yesterday charged with the negligent killing of 20 people when his plane sliced through the cables of a ski lift in the Italian alps last Captain Richard Ashby,

whose co-pilot also faces court martial, has said in his defence that the lift was not marked on his US-issued map. The prosecution case is that the plane was flouting regulations by deliberately flying too low and too fast, something Captain Ashby denies. The defendants also claim they are being made scapegoats because of diplothat makes Wall Street, the US matic pressure from Italy.

Security men in Cypriot port were not spies, Israel claims

Cyprus were not spies after all. They were, it transpired yes-

terday merely "approaching" a military area with scanning equipment, computers, tape recorders, military maps and cellular telephones upon which they regularly dialled a number for Israeli intelligence in Tel

Three years was what Udi Hargov and Igal Damary re-ceived from the Larnaca District Court - which, with good conduct, means they will be back in Israel in a year or two. Officially, of course, it simply

could not be proved that they were interested in the imminent arrival (since cancelled) of Cyprus' brand-new ground-toair missiles, to which the Turks objected - Turkey being Israel's latest ally in the Middle

But the Cypriot President, Glafcos Clerides, and his Foreign Minister, Ioannis Kasoulidhis, have since admitted

changed curses at the trial in

Aden of five Britons and an Al-

gerian accused of planning a

bombing campaign. The de-

fendants repeated claims of

terday James Luovres, 30, an

Algerian who was on a forged

French passport, held up a bruised right arm and insulted

Two other prisoners joined

in and the guards shouted in-

suits. Badr Basunaid accused

prison officials of denying him

The men are accused of

being in touch with the gang

that last year kidnapped 16

tourists, and with Abu Hamza

al-Masri, a militant Islamic

access to his clients.

As the session began yes-

torture and beatings.

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Insults fly at trial

PRISONERS AND guards ex- BY PATRICK COCKBURN

of Britons in Aden

SO THE Israeli Mossad spies in By ROBERT FISK Middle East Correspondent

> that they had been "reassured" by Israel, unnamed US senators and an equally anonymous European Union minister that the two men had not been "acting against Cyprus".

So what were they doing in the picturesque Cypriot fishing village of Zigi at the moment the Cypriot National Guard just happened to be unloading a new shipment of tanks and other military equipment last

According to the Israelis, they were acting against a threat of "terrorism", the allpurpose definition of anything that threatens Israel, and in no way intending to harm the security of an island which has been divided for a quarter of a century between Greek Cypriots and Israel's new ally.

Judge George Aresti stated at Larnaca yesterday that "no

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dants deny all charges. The trial

gan, a human rights lawyer,

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Kamel, 18, a son of Mr Masri,

and two other Britons captured

in Yemen last week are to be

tried later. Security sources

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In London, Michael McCol-

resumes on Saturday.

to why the two accused approached a prohibited area when such a delicate security operation was under way".

The Cypriot authorities had been maintaining the "utmost secrecy", he said, about the military activity taking place at the commando base at Vasilikos, close to Zigi.

No mention was made in the Larnaca court - a bleak twostorey building near the international airport - about two meetings that took place during the trial between the Cypriot attorney general, Alecos Markides, and his Israeli opposite number, Elyakin

The Greek Cypriot press quickly recalled the case of a Cypriot journalist sentenced to five years in prison in Israel more than two decades ago for alleged "spying"; he had been taking photographs in the port

The Cypriot government, it

explanation has been given as seems, has agreed to forgive and more or less forget - the potential danger to its island state by the two Mossad men almost as quickly as it decided, under European and American pressure, to abandon its plan to deploy anti-aircraft missiles. Mr Markides denied at a press conference that any "pressure" had been brought on Cyprus to drop the case against the

Hargov and Damary could have received 10 years in prison for espionage if they had been convicted of the initial charges

The police had caught the two men after a local Greek Cypriot café proprietor became suspicious because they never greeted him after renting a neighbouring apartment.

Quite apart from mysterious American senators, a serious appreciation of Greek food, it seems, might have saved both of the men the trouble of a

In Brief

Cash for Iraqi hits on RAF planes

THE PRESIDENT of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, has given orders to pay 25 million dinars (about £9,000) to air defence troops who succeed in shooting down a hostile aircraft, Iraq's government newspaper said yesterday. US and British planes hit targets in Iraq on Sunday.

MEPs want Milosevic indicted

A EUROPEAN parliamentary delegation yesterday handed a 100,000-signature petition demanding the indictment of President Slobodan Milosevic to UN war crimes prosecutors in The Hague. The petition was signed by 120 MEPs and two former Belgian prime ministers.

'Progress' in India nuclear test ban

INDIA HAS agreed to sign a nuclear test ban treaty provided economic sanctions imposed after it held nuclear tests last year are lifted. US and Indian officials stopped short of declaring a breakthrough after eight months of nuclear negotiations, but applauded "significant progress".

Lesbian chaplain back in pulpit

A LESBIAN clergywoman barred from the pulpit for marrying her partner was allowed to resume preaching yesterday. The row over Siri Sunde, 40, a chaplain in the Hamar diocese, threatens to split Norway's state church.

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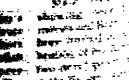












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Singapore rebel on trial for speeches

CHEE SOON JUAN, 36, used By STEPHEN VINES psychologist with a good job at tional University. After deciding to run for parliament on an opposition party ticket he lost his job, then his house, and now lives from hand to mouth by

publishing his writings. He stands to loose his freedom. Yesterday, Dr Chee went on trial for breaching the Public Entertainment Act. In Singapore, where a leading dissident was placed under house arrest in a theme park, entertainment covers making public speeches without a permit.

Dr Chee did this twice, insisting Singapore's constitution guarantees free speech. making the law invalid.

The maximum penalty is a fine of £1,800, but more importantly, from Dr Chee's point of parliament. He says if he is

found guilty he will go to jail rather than pay the fine.

The government accuses him of seeking political martyrdom and says Singaporeans enjoy free speech and can exercise it in parliament and in the local media.

However, Dr Chee says it is practically impossible for him to get his views aired in the statedominated media. It is also very hard for opposition members to get elected to parliament. In the last election opposition candidates secured more than 40 per cent of the popular vote but only took three of the 83 seats.

Constituencies that have returned opposition candidates are subject to threats of withdrawal of public services and, as in the case of the constituency once represented by Dr Chee,

far more experience than his client of facing the government's wrath. Mr Jeyaretnam says he is virtually penniless after having been repeatedly sued for libel by government leaders. Few dare seek his services as a lawyer, leaving him

with a very thin practice. Entering opposition politics is not to be taken lightly in Singapore. Dr Chee took the first steps by writing to the leading local paper about the problems of the education system; complaining it lacked flexibility and room for initiative.

Even this form of activity soon earned a reprimand from his boss. This brush with intolerance of opposition increased when he decided to stand for parliament. A dispute over misuse of university department funds involving £70 led to his dis-

politics have faced similar problems. Not surprisingly, they are thin on the ground.

In court yesterday the police who summoned Dr Chee for addressing a public meeting constituted a threat to national security. "It can happen at any time," said the officer.

Mr Jeyaretnam, who has also been portrayed as a security threat, replied: "In the same way that Martians could invade Singapore." The authorities are unlikely to have been amused.

As for Dr Chee, he faces another trial once this one finishes. However, his unusual public challenge to the government has sparked a public debate in the columns of local newspapers. The fact that the articles are being published suggests Or Chee has already



Chee Soon Juan making one of his 'filegal' public speeches in Singapore's business district last month Ed Wrog

Nation that will swallow anything

STREET LIFE

A large map of the country a Russian newsreader read out statistics in the kind of sombre voice well suited to disasters. He was listing victim numbers city by city as you would in a war or in the aftermath of a nuclear accident. It sounded pretty awful: 100 here. 200 there.

Clearly, the nation that chased off Napoleon and Hitler - and which has yet completely to shake off a residual fear of invasion – was suffering some kind of new onslaught. Scarier still, the map showed that the threat was moving relentlessly anywhere interesting - he westwards towards Moscow. spent in his tirry two-roomed

vance across Siberia and the Ural mountains is being charted with the solemnity reserved for events of greater magnitude. Newspapers publish articles describing cures; humourless television bulletins include the details amid such weighty matters as the Kosovo crisis and Bill Clin-

ton's impeachment. But what is surprising is not that Russians regard flu as a serious health problem. After all, the Soviet health service has been falling apart

for years and is now in a terrible state, and flu can prove deadly to the weak or elderly. And imported medicines are increasingly expensive in Russia. A packet of Coldex costs more than many earn in a day, while a flu shot costs about £12 - two-thirds of the monthly wage for the 40 million people blow the poverty

No, what is much more mystifying is the extent to which Russians fret about flu, while appearing indifferent to most other afflictions that annually wipe hundreds of thousands off the population, now down to just over 146 million. Russians smoke in astronomical numbers, despite worsening cancer.

They drink vodka with abandon, although alcohol has played a leading part in lowering average male mortality to about 59. Taxi drivers take it as an insult to their driving skills if you so much as hint at clipping up your seathelt, even though some 27,000 people died on the roads last year. All these issues are seen as inescapable aspects of the Russ-

FOR A brief moment, it was ian condition, matters for possible to imagine the worst. which fate and not humankind is largely to blame.

Not so flu. Flu is regarded as an enemy against which almost everyone is prepared to do battle, armed with an assortment's of quacks' remedies. The slightest suggestion of a sniffle will have Russians rubbing vodka into their chests, or racing to the steam

A few days ago, I was chat-ting with Sasha Forninykh, a 40-year-old driver at a Moscow factory who is the neighbour of a friend of mine. We were talking about his recent Christmas holiday which - being unable to afford to go Influenza has arrived in apartment. Highlight of the

Mr Fomiaykh said he owed his return to health to a new cure, gleaned from an article that you would expect to be in the popular Moskovski Komsomolets newspaper.

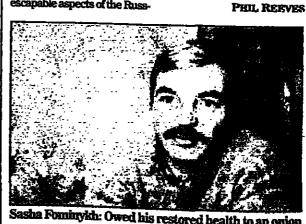
The paper had two suggestions. The first was to hang a pair of dirty socks around your neck, but he decided that he would rather remain ill than try this. The second involved rubbing the soles of his feet with the juice of a raw onion before going to bed. "It makes the feet sweat a lot, which helps get rid of the fever," he said. The next day he was better.

Another newspaper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, offered a different remedy. "If you are running a temperature, put 50g of onion through a meat grinder, with one tablespoon of vinegar and 60g of honey. Mix it well. Take one teaspoon of the mixture every 30 minutes until you start to feel bet-

Coughers were advised to cut 20 small onions and a bead of garlic into small pieces, boil them together in milk, and eat them once an hour with added honey.

You are, I suspect, raising a scornful eyebrow, But you mock at your peril

When I asked Olga, a Russian colleague, for some other examples of anti-flu remedies, she provided an account of how Marshal Georgy Zhukov, hero of Stalingrad in the Second World War, threw off a nasty bout by galloping across the Russian landscape for several miles wearing a burku - a felt coat, My sniggers drew a frosty



they simply disappear under view, the offence also carries a missal. When he tried to fight for five-year ban on running for Defending Dr Chee in court scored a minor victory. his job he became involved in a Evolution invests some with an enviable peace of mind. The Laguna Alizé with 2 years' free servicing and 0% finance. Every now and then evolution throws us a bit of a curve ball. The Renault Laguna Alize hatch back and estate, for example, come with 2 years' free servicing' and 2 years' 0% finance. Naturally you're thinking there has to be some trade off. Wrong. The Alize has all the creature comforts you'd expect, like all-con, ABS, a 60 watt CO player driver's arbag, electric suproof and side impact protection pars, if you're finding all that hard to swallow, want until you hear this. The Laguna Alizé 16V will cost you from just \$14,700 on the road. Strange world, isn't it? For more information call 0806 525150. The New Laguna RENAULT dustr's recommended retail price on the coul, correct at time of going to prose, includes 17.5% WM, delivery to the dealer, ma sites, applies to any now Streams Laguess certained and registered by 31st Mosch 1999, Nother quotations repolate or reposit. And herd begin across of the registration lies of ES. (Other goods or services supplied by exchange the believes the activities and design ment acrosses and first properties of the policy of the object of the policy of the pol

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BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Industry contracting sharply

BRITAIN'S MANUFACTURING industry contracted sharply in January, according to a new survey, suggesting that recent talk of recovery in the sector could be premature. The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) found that the rate of decline in manufacturing activity accelerated in January. Employment in the sector also fell. The figures boosted hopes of another cut in UK interest rates at this week's Monetary Policy Committee meeting. Further evidence of weakness in consumer expenditure also fanned rate speculation. Consumer credit halved between November and December to £700m.

£6.5m for William HIII executives



THE TWO top executives at William Hill are to share a £6.5m bonus from the March flotation of the UK's second largest bookmaker, it emerged yesterday. John Brown, the chief executive (left), and Bob Lambert. the finance director, will receive £3.2m each from the Japanese bank Nomura, the company's present owner, for bringing the bookmaker to the market.

Another 156 employees will share a windfall of £13.8m from the float, which is expected to value William Hill at up to £525m. Nomura said it would use part of its profits from the sale, set to total £170m, to pay for the

Inchcape sells bottling business

INCHCAPE, which last March announced a programme of disposals aimed at converting the business into a specialist motor distribution company, has agreed to sell its softdrink bottling interests in Chile and Peru to Embotelladora Arica of Chile for £457m in cash. Coca-Cola, which owns a 17 per cent stake in Arica, will underwrite the deal. The bottling businesses made operating profits of £20m last year. The price includes £37m in cash but the net proceeds are substantially greater than the market forecast of around £330m and inchcape shares rose 13p to 149.5p.

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Banks feel heat as Paribas and Société Générale merge

By Andrew Garfield Financial Editor

PRESSURE FOR consolidation among Europe's big banks in-tensified yesterday after France's Société Générale and Paribas yesterday tied the knot on a 15bn euro (£10.2bn) allshare merger to create the world's fourth largest banking

Immediately the deal was struck the architects of the new deal held out a hand to other potential merger partners. triggering speculation that a further merger deal with either Britain's Barclays bank or Wall Street investment house Merrill Lynch could follow yesterday's

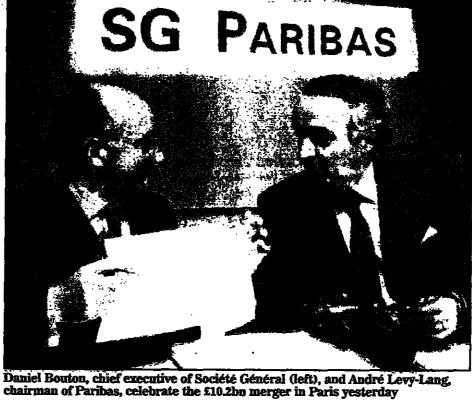
Daniel Bouton, the chief executive of Société Générale and vice-president of the combined bank, said yesterday: "We were looking to something that would consolidate the bank's stronghold in France but would also be open to a diversity of parties."

Yesterday's French merger comes barely a fortnight after Spain's Banco Santander and Banco Central Hispano merged to create a new 30bn euro giant on the French banks' doorstep, and only weeks after Germany's Deutsche Bank cemented a Transatlantic deal with Bankers Trust of the US.

The SocGen/Paribas deal leaves Banque Nationale de Paris, the privatised French bank that had recently made its own merger overtures to Paribas, particularly vulnerable.

There was speculation that yesterday's merger would leave BNP little choice but to either succamb to a merger approach from BBV of Spain, or go for Barclays - the British clearing bank that has yet to find a replacement for Martin Taylor, the chief executive who quit the bank in dramatic circumstances in December.

Benson, the City investment Shareholders in the two



banks will be offered shares in

the combined SG Paribas on the

basis of five SocGen shares for

eight Paribas. That represents

a premium of 17 per cent over

the average Paribas share price

The banks are to take a

merger provision of one billion

euros to cover redundancies

and the costs of integrated com-

puter systems. They anticipate

merger savings of 800m euros

and Andre Levy-Lang, the

Paribas chairman who is to as-

sume the chairmanship of the

combined group until 2002, in-

sisted there would be no "forced

redundancies" and that any

headcount reductions would be

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However, both Mr Bouton

a year by 2001.

over the past three weeks.

bank, has close ties with BNP but resisted efforts by successive French governments to persuade it to go the next step and merge with the French

Significantly, yesterday's merger brings Société Générale and Paribas up to roughly level pegging with Britain's Barclays and National Westminister Bank in terms of market worth, as well as its rival BNP.

SG Paribas said it was still interested in being allowed to participate as a core shareholder in Credit Lyonnais, which is being privatised this spring. To this end Société Générale is dropping its complaint to the European Commission about the government d-out of its rival

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BANKS Total shareholders equity

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City braced for fresh wave of iob cutbacks

THE CITY was last night BY ANDREW GARFIELD preparing for a further jobs shakeout following the £10bn banking merger between Société Générale and Paribas. which is the latest in a series of deals that are dramatically altering the landscape of Lon-

don's financial district "It is going to be a very bloody affair," one City banker warned last night. "There is so much overlap.

At least 500 jobs are expected to be axed as a result of the SG Paribas deal, where the biggest overlap is in the equities and fixed-interest divisions.

Hundreds more head office jobs will also go now that AXA, the French insurer has claimed victory in the auction for British insurance group Guardian Royal Exchange with a £3.5bn

Further jobs cuts are planned by Barclays, the high street bank, which is to axe hundreds of staff in a £300m restructuring of its retail

Barclays is reorganising retail, its most profitable division, with a new structure based around two distinct areas catering for mass market and so-called high net worth individuals replacing the traditional emphasis on products.

Announcing their merger to create the world's fourth largest banking group, the heads of Société Générale and Paribas sought to play down the prospect of large-scale redunted there would be some

"streamlining" overseas, in an effort to yield a targeted 800m euro of savings by 2001. The banks believe that as a

result of the merger they can cut the amount they have to set aside to finance their investment banking activities to a third of their group equity capital, while maintaining or even boosting the amount of business they are able to do.

Although there is little direct overlap in France, where Paribas, as a mainly business and wholesale bank, has no retail branch network to get in the way of SocGen's, there is considerable duplication in investment banking.

One source estimated that in London, where the two banks together employ around 4,500. the cost in terms of jobs could be as much as 500 alone. Tough bargaining will also take place in New York where SocGen recently added Cowen, the US investment boutique, to its stable in a \$600m deal. "There is a 30-40 per cent overlap," said John Leonard, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney.

In London the overlap is particularly acute in equities, where both Paribas and SG have invested heavily over recent years. Paribas which has a strong position in the Eurobond market, has a clear edge in fixed income and asset management. But in the merger advisory business, especially in the

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Millennium bug | Sky facing Man U trade-off 'could end Wall Street bull run'

THE MILLENNIUM bug could prove to be the shock that ends Wall Street's 12-year bull market, a senior US economist warned yesterday.

Edward Yardeni, chief economist of Deutsche Bank Securities in the US, told participants at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that a build-up of negative news on the year 2000 problem might cause stock

markets to dive.

Separately, Scott McNealy, chief executive of Sun Microsystems, said that Asian companies making PCs and computer components lagged the US and Europe by several years in dealing with the bug.

Advising consumers to "buy lots of computers in the second half of this year," he warned of severe supply problems after the turn of the century. "We believe Asia is way, way

hehind." Mr McNealy said at the WEF annual meeting. "Intel, Sun and Hewlett Packard have done quite similar surveys of their supply base in Asia and they confirm the region is significantly behind in dealing with the problem."

However, the effects of the bug were played down by Bill Gates, head of Microsoft, who was casting a cloud over legitsaid he thought the problem imate high-growth companies.

By JEREMY WARNER in Davos, Switzerland

had been much exaggerated by the press. There were bound to be some problems, he conceded, but he did not foresee a general systemic breakdown.

Mr Yardeni predicted a build-up of bad news on the bug from June onwards as companies began to make their SEC filings on whether they were millennium bug compliant. "There are already 34 mil-

lennium bug lawsuits outstanding in the US and we'll see a lot more of that," he said. Mr Yardeni said he thought the present euphoria in Internet stocks was symptomatic of "one

of the greatest speculative bub-

bles on Wall Street of all time". "If the stock market dives, which I think it will do in the second half of this year, then it will take the US consumer and

economy with it," he warned. "I don't know when exactly it will top, but I have no problem at all with lightening up and taking profits right now," he

added A number of executives from the computer and Internet industries said that they thought the frenzy in Internet stocks under pressure from the comnetition authorities to give up its exclusive grip on Premier League television rights as a condition for its £623m takeover

of Manchester United being allowed to go ahead. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which is

preparing a report on the takeover, has written to BSkyB and Manchester United with a suggestion that the broadcaster does not buy rights to matches that it does not intend to broadcast. The clause is one of a num-

of insisting upon in return for a cartel, wants to increase the

BRITISH SKY Broadcasting is BY PETER THAL LARSEN

waving through the BSkyB-Manchester United takeover. The watchdog is due to deliver its report to Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary. by March 12.

At the same time, industry experts believe the clause could provide the basis for a compromise in the dispute between the Office of Fair Trading and the Premier League, which is currently being heard in front of the Restrictive Practices

The OFT, which accuses the ber which the MMC is thinking Premier League of behaving as

amount of live football on are resisting the condition by BSkyB's current contract

with the Premier League allows it to broadcast 60 live matches a season. Because the arrangement is exclusive, the other 320 matches are not shown. If the MMC insists on the

condition, BSkyB would either have to expand massively its coverage of Premier League matches or agree to allow other broadcasters to televise matches. City analysts said that, with the explosion in the number of channels as a result of digital television, BSkvB could increase its coverage.

However, lawyers for BSkvB

most impossible to put a value on the contract. At the moment, BSkyB chooses the matches it wants to show several months The Premier League is also resisting the move. It argues that increasing the number of games

arguing that it would make it al-

on television would cause fixture chaos. Uefa, the body that oversees European football, prevents Premier League matches from being televised at the same time as matches in other leagues are being played. As a result, television matches would have to be moved from Saturday

Brazil currency oversold, says Soros

tional financier, yesterday gave the struggling Brazilian currency a helping hand when he argued that the recent sell-off of the real had been overdone.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Mr Soros said: "The currency was overvalued, but the currency, if anything, is now undervalued." However, Mr Soros empha-

sised the severity of the crisis in Brazil, saying that swift action by the International Monetary Fund was needed.

GEORGE SOROS, the interna-By Lea Paterson

> acute situation because on Friday you effectively had the beginning of a run on the banks and a run on the currency." Mr Soros' remarks helped

psychologically important barrier of 2 reals to the dollar. Market sentiment towards Brazil was also given a boost by the arrival in Brasilia of Stanley Fischer deputy IMF managing director. Mr Fischer's decision to lend his weight to negotiations

between the fund and the Brazilian authorities sparked specu-He said: "Brazil is in a very lation about an early release of

the second tranche of November's \$42bn rescue package. IMF officials and the Brazilian authorities now hope to

hammer out by Wednesday the real to climb back above the new conditions for the release of the funds. The original loan terms were breached three weeks ago when the government devalued the real. Hopes of a speedy resolution

to the Brazilian crisis - coupled ment from President Bill Clin-

against the euro.

The euro sank to a record low of \$1.1286 after President Clinton - who yesterday proposed to boost spending on defence, education and healthcare in a \$1.77 trillion budget forecast that the US economy would remain strong.

Evidence from the National Association of Purchasing Managers of a pick-up in the manufacturing sector underlined the strength of the US with an upbeat Budget state- economy against the euro-zone,

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

SHARES romped ahead

encouraged by another round of corporate activity and hopes the Monetary Policy Committee will lower interest rates on Thursday. Footsie gained 116.4 points to 6,012.4 and supporting shares were strong, with the mid cap index almost 100 higher at 5,121.8. Trading was busy with turnover topping 1.2 billion shares. Engineers were again in demand as bid stories swirled around with Weir, up 25.5p to 232p, on talk of a

Derek Pain, page 17

NEW YORK

US STOCKS were mixed with traders unnerved by recent comments about the over-valuation

of high technology companies. In afternoon trade, the Dow Jones was trading up 35.01 points - or 0.37 per cent - at 9,393.84. The Nasdag was marginally higher at 2,520.47, up 14.58 points or 0.58 per cent. One dealer said: "Shares are

not grossly overvalued but we

are stretching the overvaluation

TOKYO

THE BENCHMARK Nikkei 225 average closed marginally lower amid

profit taking ahead of the fiscal year end on 31 March. The Nikkei closed down 34.07 points - or 0.23 per cent - at 14,465.18. Market sentiment was hit by

doubts over the feasibility of government plans to buy stocks to stabilise the faltering Japanese market. One dealer said: "Uncertainty as to whether the government will be able to implement plans by the end of March bas

SAO PAULO BRAZILIAN shares rose sharply

yesterday after the Brazilian real stablised above the crucial 2 reais the dollar barrier. In afternoon trade, the benchmark Bovespa index climbed 4.7 per cent - or 384.69 points - to 8,556.25. Traders said the arrival of in Brazil of Stanley Fischer, deputy IMF managing director, had boosted hopes of an early release of the second tranche of a \$42bn rescue package. The real stabilised at around 1.97 to the dollar.

SHARES closed at a new high for the year, with banks leading the climbers amid intense merger speculation. The benchmark CAC 40 index

closed up 52.12 points - or 1.23 per cent - at 4.303.92 after SocGen and Paribas announced plans to join forces to form the world's fourth largest bank. Dealers noted heavy arbitraging in

Paribas shares - priced at a 17 per cent premium to the market under the terms of the SocGen deal, Paribas closed 9.7 per cent higher, while shares in SocGen sank 3.2 per cent

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GRE faces revolt on French deal



HOW SUN LIFE PLANS TO CARVE UP GSE GRE Other USA **UK** and To be acquired by SLPH (currently owned 71.6% by AXA and to become 56.0% through the Offer) through a mix of Germany Countries ireiand £384 millior Seeed on Sun Life and Provincial closing prior of 577p on 29 January 1999
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Lord Hambro, chairman of GRE (left) and Lord Douro, chairman of Sun Life and Provincial Holdings, in the City yesterday after the agreed deal was announced

BY ANDREW VERITY AND ANDREW GARFIELD

Guardian Royal Exchange

its 389p-a-share cash-and-

paper offer, some shareholders

questioned whether the deal

represented the best offer.

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seemed a more attractive

the three-month auction, ran

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with a £3.4bn agreed bid.

A SHAREHOLDER revolt was GRE's board and its threatened last night after tional shareholder, who declined to be named. "The fact AXA, the French insurance

giant, claimed victory in the battle for the British insurer fallen to 360p says it all." Another said: "The situation is not yet closed. It is still open As AXA was toasting the enfor Eureko to come back with dorsement of GRE's board for

According to sources close to the deal, AXA's bid of 389p was chosen over the rival Royal and SunAlliance bid because the latter was unable to offer a full cash alternative and Eureko, had tabled what some shareholders were unwilling to take its paper.

Under the AXA offer, each Part of the reason was that GRE share will be worth 249p shareholders had become tired of waiting for things to turn up at GRE - particularly in cash and 0.243 new shares in Sun Life & Provincial Holdafter results like yesterday's, ings, the London-listed company which is majority-owned which showed a plunge in profits from £872m in 1997 to GRE's board, aiready under £292m. They wanted a cash fire for the way it has handled

Eureko, which has had trouble into immediate criticism from all along surmounting the shareholders, who believed better offers were available. credibility barrier, had made an indicative 385p a share The market too, appeared to cash offer but wanted to make shy away from the deal. a formal offer conditional on pricing GRE's shares at 360p. getting full access to the "If the board have recombooks. Directors decided inmended an offer from AXA when there is a higher offer on stead to plump for the firm nostrings-attached offer from the table, then we need to

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advisers, Morgan Stanley, feel that GRE's share price has they have done well to get this much for a company which, before the auction began last November, was judged by the market to be worth barely £3

> Nevertheless, some shareholders believe they have a gripe. While the AXA/Sun Life offer valued the GRE shares at 389p when the markets opened yesterday morning, by late afternoon the Sun Life shares had come off 10 per

> > Because of the paper ele-

News Analysis: AXA has claimed victory in the battle for the British insurer after its £3.4bn bid was agreed. But some shareholders believe a better offer was available ment, the value of the AXA

illness.

his February 2001 retirement

Mark Wood, chief execu-

yesterday said he expected

offer was closer to 378p. Yesterday there was still a possibility that Eureko might come back with a hard cash offer, something which would please the discontented shareholders. However, Schroders, the biggest shareholder, is in favour of the AXA deal.

"The auction has been conducted fairly," said Schroders' Jim Cox. "You have to remember that this is a business with employees and customers and there is a limit to tive of Sun Life & Provincial, how long the uncertainty can

John Robins, GRE's chief job losses "in the hundreds, executive, yesterday declined not the thousands" from a to answer questions on the combined UK staff of around deal, which will see him leave the group over a year ahead of Savings of around £50m

office costs, closing duplicated branches and slashing corpo-Mr Robins appeared opposed to a deal as recently as rate expenses. last summer, arguing that The deal represents a vic-GRE had a good future as an tory for AXA and spells independent group focusing on humiliation for two rival bidders, the British competitor protection insurances such as Royal & SunAlliance and health insurance and critical Eureko, the consortium of

> includes Friends Provident. Sun Life & Provincial holding company will only keep the UK and Ireland operations, worth £1.88bn.

nine European insurers which

would come from cutting head

It has already arranged to sell GRE's US property and casualty companies to Liberty Mutual, a US insurer, for

GRE's German business, GRE Albingia, will be sold to AXA's German division, AXA Colonia, for a further £588m. Some of the proceeds of the sale will be used to pay off nearly £300m in foreigndenominated debt.

If the deal is approved by other giant leap in the French business.

group's ambition to beat rivals such as Allianz, Aegon and Generali as Europe's domi-

nant insurer. The deal will make AXA the third largest general in-surer in the UK, behind CGU and Royal & SunAlliance. boosting the amount it attracts in general insurance premiums from £500m to £1.7bn.

It will hold the number two position in private health insurance - through Guardian's ownership of PPP - and the number three position in UK life insurance. AXA, already one of the world's biggest investment managers, will also have £55bn to manage in the UK alone.

The BIFU finance union yesterday welcomed the deal. citing assurances from AXA that the job losses would be in the hundreds. Had Royal & SunAlliance won out, the union feared up to 5,000 job

But for customers, yesterday's deal may not prove as welcome.

Andy Homer, the future chief executive of AXA's general insurance arm, yesterday indicated that the group would soon start to raise motor insurance premiums in an effort shareholders, it will mark an- to improve profits at the

IN BRIEF

rising again

HOUSE PRICES mee by 0.5 per cent in January, according to a monthly index published by Halifax. The average price for a UK home is now £73,466, up from £73,129 in December. Halifax said the rise largely offsets two successive falls in November and December. when prices tumbled 0.8 per

Golf ball sale

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS, the Glasgow based retailing and transport group, has sold Penfold Golf, its loss-making golf-ball business, to Seoul Nassau of Korea. The sale includes the right to use the Peniold name for golf balls and accessories made in Korea. The UK factory, which is in Birmingham, will be closed with the loss of 75 jobs. The business had a turnover of £2.9m and is expected to report a loss of around £150,000 in the year to 29 January, After absorbing closure and redundancy costs Grampian expects to receive around £1m.

Regalian link-up

REGALIAN PROPERTIES is to team up with Oakwood, a USbased provider of corporate housing and Colony Capital. a private investment company, to provide serviced apartments for the London market. The joint company expects to provide up to 200 apartments within a year, rising to 500 units in the near future, to meet the increasing need for housing for expatriates working in the

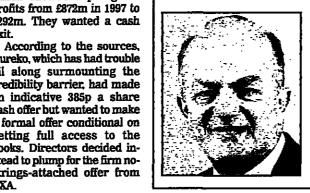
UK and travellers on extended-stay business trips.

Rice under attack VICTOR RICE, the embattled

chief executive of LucasVarity, yesterday came under fire from corporate governance activists over the £17m he would net if the company is sold off to a US bidder. PIRC, the shareholders' rights group,

said the size of Mr Rice's payoff was "excessive and not in investors' interests". Lucas, currently at the centre of a £4bn bid battle between the two American engineers TRW and Federal-Mogul, said the payoff was agreed in the 1980s, before the merger between Lucas and Varity of the US.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE SET FOR £1M PAYOFF



JOHN ROBINS, chief executive of Guardian Royal Ex- \$550,000 a year. He was due change (left), could depart with a payoff of well over £1m after saying at the weekend he wanted no part in a combined AXA/GRE insurance

Mr Robins, who until last summer was vociferously in favour of GRE remaining independent, is likely to receive two years' salary and

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benefits worth around to retire in February 2001.

According to last year's annual report from GRE, Mr Robins also held 144,350 shares last March, a holding now worth £545.900, and an annual retirement income of £132,809.

In 1997, he exercised share options, netting a further £554,000.

National English China Clays Grid in \$1bn **US** deal

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

NATIONAL GRID yesterday strengthened its presence in the US electricity market by agreeing to buy the Bostonbased transmission and supply company Eastern Utilities Associates in a deal worth

The acquisition is being carried out through the much bigger New England Electric System, which National Grid agreed to buy in December for

The purchase price is \$31 a share - a 23 per cent premium to EUA's price in early December before merger specu-

lation began. National Grid is paying \$634m for EUA and assuming a further \$365m in debt.

However, National Grid is expected to recoup about \$180m through sales of unwanted assets such as EUA's combined heat and power generating plants.

Analysts estimated that National Grid would realise savings of at least \$25m a year by merging the transmission and distribution businesses of the two companies, which operate next to each other in the north-east region of the

National Grid said it hoped to receive regulatory and shareholder approval for both the US acquisitions by early The aim is to complete the

two deals on the same EUA has 300,000 customers and made net profits of \$40m on revenues of \$569m in 1997.

New England Electric Sys-

has 1.35 million customers. At the time of the NEES deal, National Grid's chief executive, David Jones, made it clear that it was on the lookout for further acquisitions. He said the EUA deal was fully in line with that strategy.

THE BOARD of English China

Clays yesterday accepted an increased offer of 250p a share in cash from Imetal, its French rival, just three weeks after rejecting an initial offer of 225p.

The new bid gives ECC's long-suffering shareholders 11 per cent more than the first offer. It is 56 per cent higher than the market price of the shares before the first bid was made last month, and values ECC at Imetal is only slightly larger

in terms of market capitalisation but is a more diversified company with interests in metals as

Dennis Redeker, the ECC's chief executive, rejected the first bid as opportunistic and inadequate but, in the absence of a white knight, the ECC board

recommended shareholders accept the increased offer.

ECC's management is halfway through a three-year programme of cost-saving

agrees Imetal £756m bid

measures aimed at adjusting to increased competition from low cost china-clay production in Brazil, the adverse impact of the strength of sterling, and a continuing low level of demand from the industry's main customers in the pottery, ceramics

and paper producing industries. The merger will create substantial cost savings and staff numbers at the ECC head office in Reading may be slimmed

But the main impact of any possible closures and redundancies is expected to fall on the

two companies' US operations in Georgia. Subject to the approval of the supervisory board. Imetal is also expected to offer jobs to ECC's management.

Patrick Kron, the chief executive of Imetal, yesterday saidhe looked forward to welcoming ECC's management and employees to the combined group.

"We believe the enlarged group will become a low-cost producer in the industry, based on a wider product offering, a diversified base of reserves and better levels of research and product," he said.

Lawrence Urquhart, ECC's chairman, said: "I am confident that the combination of our two businesses will also bring significant benefits for both groups' employees and cus-

Dixons steps up battle with Tesco on the Net

THE INTERNET battle between Britain's high street retailers took another twist yesterday when Dixons announced plans to cut the helpline charges on its Freeserve service and introduce a financial services channel on its site.

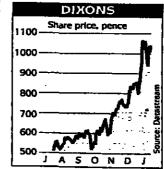
The move comes just days after Tesco unveiled plans to offer free Internet access to the 10 million members of its Club-Card loyalty scheme. Dixons is halving the price

of calls to Freeserve's telephone support line from £1 to 50p per minute. It claimed this was to celebrate Freeserve passing the million customer

But analysts said the move was in response to Tesco's decision to price calls to its helpline at 50p.

Separately, it is launching a finance channel on Freeserve that will ultimately provide a range of services such as on-

BY NIGEL COPE Associate City Editor



line banking and on-line share

"We expect it to be the best financial services channel in the country and we are in talks with a number of possible partners about adding other elements to it," said Mark Danby, head of Dixons' Freeserve division.

The group has signed an

agreement with the US group MicroCap Financial Services OMFSD to add the group's financial information to the

From March Freeserve users will be able to check share and unit trust prices and look up company backgrounds and expert analysis. Although in the US MFSI specialises in information on small, fast-growing companies, the UK site is expected to offer information on all FTSE

the barriers to entry in the free Internet access market are low, and sceptics say the market could eventually be confused, with hundreds of

Tesco's move could signal a wave of copycat launches. although Dixons said its technology-literate customer base and store portfolio give it a built-in advantage.

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has the comme personal or of banks is not terribly clear. Never mind, it is a national French champion, knocking Credit Agricole off its perch as the number one bank on the other side of the Channel What's more it may just be the kick in the derriere the overbanked French market needed.

The creation of SG Paribas gives the French a seat at the big boys' table. It also neatly dispenses with one of the main obstacles to the French government's sale of Credit Lyonnais. No wonder the finance minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn was jumping for joy at the merger

is not hard to see where most of the pain will be felt among the 78,000-



OUTLOOK

strong workforce. The overlaps are mainly in London where both companies run large investment banking operations from sumptuous offices. Paribas may be longer established in the City. But SG has been making up ground fast. It has added the banking division of Hambros to its equities business, Strauss Turnbull, and is bankrolling Nicola Horlick's dream of creating a fund As with the SBC-UBS merger, it management business with £5bn

under management. The target of £560m in cost sav-

ings within three years gives the management plenty to aim at. Paribas' opulent new headquarters in Marylebone may be one early casualty while the wine bars of the City should be filling soon with fixed income dealers and equity analysts drowning their sorrows and looking for new employment.

Inevitably questions will now be asked of that dwindling band of European banks which still remain outside larger national or transatlantic groupings. Consolidate or die certainly makes for an easy catchphrase. Given the pace of merger activity among Continental banks, there is a danger that Don Cruickshank's review of the UK banking scene could look even more parochial by the time he publishes

But the UK banking industry is structured in a way that makes it difficult, if not impossible, to adopt the same national solutions as the Swiss. the French and the Spanish, as the failure of Barclays and NatWest to

was that SG Parihas has ambitions to spread its wings further. There is also talk that Banque Nationale de Paris will be obliged to look overseas for a partner. Sitting on their fat market capitalisations and hemmed in by domestic monopoly constraints, it may be time for the UK clearers to strike pre-emptively across borders.

Tax loopholes

IT SAYS a lot about the complexity of stamp duty reserve tax that mere whisper of it sends even hardened specialists scurrying for cover. Yet, arcane as it may be, it is a nice little earner for the Exchequer. Projected revenues of £2.4bn for the 1998-99 financial year were enough to prompt an Inland Revenue swoop at the weekend to plug a loophole that was in danger of looking like a yawn-

What was a dark corner of the tax world was suddenly bathed in light. when BP and Amoco escaped pay-

er last year by issuing new shares as foreign currency bearer shares instead of American Depositary Reccipts, through which US investors usually deal in UK equities. The saving arose because the bearer shares were made exempt from the 1.5 per cent stamp duty reserve tax in 1989 in order to assist companies wanti-

The Revenue says that, while this purpose will continue to be allowed, it has cracked down on transactions which the legislation was not designed to cover. However, though the ruling applies from midnight last Friday, it is apparent that it has failed to stop similar tax savings by two other high-profile cross-border deals involving UK companies - the \$35bn merger of pharmaceutical company Zeneca and its Swedish rival, Astra, and Vodafone's \$62bn purchase of AirTouch.

ng to borrow overseas.

In taking this swift action, Patricia Hewitt, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, is probably on to a winner. Though the tax hauls are large.

The word from Paris yesterday ing \$800m in duty during their merg the sums are unlikely to be enough to - by themselves - to stem the tide of cross border mergers.

> Hence, the Chancellor can look forward to a steady and easily collected revenue flow - which is presumably why the Conservatives never got around to acting on the plan amounced in 1990 to abolish stamp duty on shares and securities all together. Some globally-minded chief executives may complain it puts the UK at a disadvantage. But if a merger can only be made to work becau of its tax efficiencies, then it is almost certainly not worth doing in the first

BAe/Marconi

of the British Aerospace-Marconi merger is what to do with procurement contests where the two companies are currently bidding in competition with one another. Right now there are several major proand Marconi are members of rival consortia. Thus, we had the spectacle vesterday of BAe and Lockheed receiving £90m of taxpayer's money to develop a new stealthy armoured reconnaissance vehicle while BAe in the shape of Marconi received the a similar amount to help GKN develop a rival demonstrator vehicle

There are two other big defence contracts where BAe is competing with itself using texpayers funds. One is a new military satellite communications system. The other is a new airborne stand-off radar.

Awkward though the situation is, BAe says that it is not without precedent. Marconi also ended up competing against itself to build the latest Astute class of nuclear-powered submarines after it bought the only rival bidder, VSEL.

BAe says solemnly that where it bidding against itself. Chinese Walls will be strictly observed. But taxpayers will wonder if they are being shortchanged while BAe's partners have even more grounds for

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THE ACCOUNTANCY profession is braced for swingeing action against the world's biggest Rice under atta firm today, when its most senior watchdog is expected to deliver its long-awaited report on Coopers & Lybrand's role as auditor of the late Robert Maxwell's business empire.

Coopers, now part of PriceaterhouseCoopers, could be iorced to pay huge fines, while the four partners who were investigated by the profession's Joint Disciplinary Scheme could be expelled from the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Accountancy insiders expect that, if any of the parties are found guilty, the punishments will be heavy, in the interests of demonstrating to the public that the profession is determined to take tough disciplinary action if required.

One said that he understood Coopers had been subjected to a tough examination, while another said that, because the Maxwell affair and the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International were two would be made.

Having given the JDS the



Robert Maxwell: £400m pension funds missing

By ROGER TRAPP

power to levy unlimited fines, the profession has recently produced a blueprint for combining self-regulation with oversight by an independent review board. But members of the profession realise that the Government is watching developments closely and will impose statutory regulation if it is felt the existing system is not working.

The findings will come more than seven years after Robert Maxwell died, apparently after falling from his yacht in the Canary Islands. His empire of more than 400 companies almost all of which were audited by Coopers - then collapsed, revealing a £400m "black hole" of missing pension funds.

The complaints laid against Coopers by Chris Dickson, executive counsel to the JDS, concern the Maxwell pension funds, Mirror Group Newspapers and the late tycoon's private businesses. One of the complaints said: "Coopers should have considered whether there was evidence of fraud, other irregularities, defaults or unlawful acts necessitating a report to a proper authority."

Coopers and the partners in-volved have consistently denied any wrongdoing. Mr Dickson concluded his in-

vestigation last summer, and a tribunal consisting of a senior QC and two accountants considered his findings later in

Although the investigation has taken more than seven years to conclude, it could have been delayed still longer if Coopers had succeeded in having it postponed until the completion of a lawsuit claiming that the firm was negligent.

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Regent and SFI in pub merger talks

orcing snares in both groups igher. The companies said their thief executives had met to exhange views and formal disussions would begin "in the sear future," writes Nigel Cope.

Shares in Regent jumped :1p to 191p, with SFI up 13p to 91.5p as analysts speculated hat rival bidders may enter the ray. However, some pub exerts said the ratings of both ompanies would deter other

Regent Inns controls 83 ubs including a handful of Valkabout inns name. It also possible deal.

THE PUB GROUPS Regent Ims and SFI confirmed yesterday hat they were in merger talks, ording shares in both groups ording shares in both groups including the Bar Med and I litter Tree chains Litten Tree chains.

A merger would create a group with a market value of around £290m with scope for cost savings of around £3m-£4m

The City welcomed the news as pressure grows for consolidation in Britain's fragmented and over-supplied pub sector. It comes on the back of Wolverhampton & Dudley's bid battle with Marston Thompson & Evershed and Enterprise Inns' announcement that it is in talks randed outlets under the with Inn Business regarding a

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Amorous bids from France give FTSE life

THE FRENCH connection inspired the stock market. In another session awash with takeover action, Footsie soared 116.4 points to 6,012.4

The proposed Societe Generale banking merger with Paribas, and the Axa descent on insurer Guardian Royal Exchange, dominated proceedings. For good measure English China Clays agreed a £760m offer from the French minerals group, Imetal

The SocGen deal provided a shot in the arm to the domestic banking sector with Barclays 31p higher at 1,391p, and National Westminster Bank 39p higher at 1,155p. The French alliance merely reinforced the belief that European banking parlours will witness some anxious and ultimately fruitful merger negotiations in the next few months.

Axa, it would appear out-bid Royal & Sun Alliance for GRE. Its cash and shares offer comes through Sun Life & Provincial, a 71.6 per cent owned off-shoot. Sun's shares fell 51p to 530p and GRE lost 6.5p to 361p. Royal firmed 21.25p to 483.25p.

PROPERTY ASSET HOLDINGS, an AIMtraded company, seems destined for corporate activity. A major shareholding has changed hands with Stephen Sinclair acquiring a 29.3 per cent stake and, with Charles Helvert, joining the board. The cash-rich company, with residential properties in West . London, came to market · at the back end of 1997 at around 7p. The shares, down 0.25p at 5.5p, have been as low as 3p.

English China Clays shaded 1p to 241p. The French offer is worth 250p a share.

Once again the market enjoyed a busy session with - at 1.2 billion. The takeover fever enlivened non-Footsie shares with the mid cap index up 97.6 to 5,121.8 and the small cap 23,4 higher at 2.154.6.

The prospect of lower interest rates after this week's Monetary Policy Committee meeting was another influence encouraging the market's strength. A firm New York display also helped.

Engineers, for long unwanted, remained in the grip of bid fever. Morgan Crucible, seemingly in free fall before the sector became engulfed in takeover speculation, jumped a further 22p to 227.5p and Weir, with management changes probably contributing, surged 25.5p to 232p on talk of a US strike. Others enjoying speculative interest included Cookson, 15p to 146.5p, and IMI 23p to 249p.

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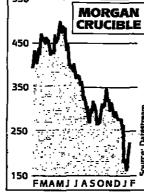
The excitement also extended to builders, where sentiment has been lifted by some good profits displays. Berkeley, up 51p to 492.5p, was said to be looking at Beazer, up 13p to 156p. Barratt Developments was built up 15p to 223.50.

Chemicals also enjoyed the scent of bid action, with Croda International 19p up at 242.5p. Albright & Wilson, which admitted the presence of hovering predators on Friday, rose 5p to 104.5p in busy trading. There is talk of an offer coming in at 130p although the shares were near 200p last

Tetra, an IT group, was one to actually collect an approach. The shares surged 56p to 243.5p after the company admitted talks. And Delphi, another computer group, was on the bid screen, once it confirmed a potential predator, romping ahead 110p to 485p.

Dixons Motors, 16.5p to 117p, and Fitness First, 18p to



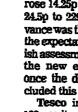


376.5p, were also caught in the bid euphoria. National Grid, announcing its expected strike at US group Eastern Utilities,

firmed 5.75p to 500p. On the pubs pitch Regent Inns frothed ahead 21p to 191p after merger talks with Surrey Free Inns were confirmed.

SFI rose 13p to 191.5p. Corporate activity was also chalked up by Inchcape, up 13p to 149.5p, by the sale of its South American soft drink side for £457m; Glynwed International, 14p higher at 186.5p, on the £19m disposal of its plastics side, and Pilkington Tiles, 1.5p better at 11.75p following the purchase of Woolliscroft Tiles for £1.55m.

BTR and Siebe, in the final GILTS: 116.78 -0.24



the Footsie leader board. BTR rose 14.25p to 123p and Siebe 24.5p to 229.5p. The dual advance was thought to be due to the expectation that some bullish assessments will appear on the new engineering giant once the deal is finally concluded this week. Tesco improved 4.75p to

throes of their merger, topped

192p as it caught the web bug with a free Internet service. Dixons, which has surfed to new highs on its Internet involvement, was at one time down 35p. But such is the appeal of the World Wide Web that it threw off the Tesco influence. as well as a downgrading by HSBC, to end with a 29.5p plus at 1.039.50.

Rogue trades reappeared on the computerised order book and there appeared to be no evidence they were cancelled. Deals were recorded in Burmah at 866p and 668p with the shades ending at 787p, up 4p. Reuters closed 28.5p higher at 952p.

Profit warnings and disappointing trading performance were, as ever, in the forefront of the day's proceedings. Tex-

JOHNSTON, the building materials group, held at 310p as aggressive engineering conglomerate TT lifted its shareholding to 13.32 per cent, seemingly buying sbares from Newton Investment

Management. A bid looks TT, a steady buyer of the building material group's shares, fell 4p to 156p, a 12-month low. Johnston shares, a narrow market, touched 345p last year but

have been as high as

527.5p.

tile group Worthington was ripped 14p to 30p after warning of lower profits, and Whittard of Chelsea reported lower interim profits and said year's figures wowd not reach 18 year's record - sending the shares 1.5p lower to 62.5p.

Furniture retailer Uno dropped 7.5p to 33.5p after running into losses and leisure chain Break for the Border slipped 4.5p to 37p on a flat trading statement. Quality Software fell 15p to 325p but denied stories of a profits warning.

Hanson rose 21p to 413.25p with WestLB Panmure suggesting a 470p target, and Northern Foods put on 5.5p to 118.5p after Warburg Dillon

Read provided support. Ankett Associates, a building design practice, jumped 2p to 9.25p, highest for three years, after an upbeat statement from chairman Gerry

SEAQ VOLUME: 1.2bn SEAQ TRADES: 86.955

COMPANY RESULTS

Name	Turnover (£)	Pre-tax (£)	EPS	Dividend	Pay day_	X-div	١
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William Hill valued at Uno cuts dividend £525m for March float after £1.7m loss

INVESTMENT

WILLIAM HILL, the UK's second By Francesco Guerrera largest bookmaker, yesterday jumped the last hurdle in the race to the stockmarket when it £500m to a more manageable revealed that its March flotation £375m, with around £112m tied would value the group at up to

William Hill, which is being sold by the Japanese bank Nomura at a profit of around £170m, plans to sell 300m shares at a price of between 155p and 175p, valuing the company at £465m to £525m. Including debt. the group will have a total value around £900m.

The final price will be set at the end of the month, with dealings expected to start on 1 March. According to the prospectus released yesterday, up to 10 per cent of the offering is earmarked for retail investors and it has already received 80,000 enquiries. However, small investors will have to buy at least £1,000 worth of shares - a level that is likely to deter many of William Hill's customers.

But for those who can afford it, William Hill looks like a reasonably safe bet. Its main strength is the ability of its 1,500 shops to generate high cash flow. City analysts believe that this

will enable the company to fund the development of the business and guarantee a healthy level of dividends to shareholders. Cash, and the proceeds of the

controls Gatwick and Heathrow,

said yesterday that it expects the

public inquiry on proposals for

a controversial fifth terminal at

Heathrow to be completed in the

However, the report on the

inquiry could take another year

pushing back the earliest

completion date of the terminal

The news accompanied solid

third-quarter passenger traffic

figures from BAA, together with

stable retail revenue and

passenger numbers on the

Heathrow Express link to 12,000

per week in the run-up to

Pre-tax profits were 6 per

passenger traffic up by 7.4 per

cent ahead at £440m, with air during the quarter.

to 2006, the company said.

next few months.

Christmas.

BAA, THE airports operator that BY NIGEL COPE

down debt from the current up in high-yield bonds.

Another bullish point about William Hill, bought by Nomura just 16 months ago from the ailing conglomerate Brent Walker for £700m, is its market-leading position in telephone betting.

Unlike the traditional paper slips, phone bets yield a higher margin because of the lower fixed costs and transaction expenses. Telephone betting, alongside numbers' games such as Lucky Choice, will be the main driver of growth in the next few years. With 41 per cent of the market and around 140,000 accounts, William Hill is well placed to benefit from growth in this section of the market.

However, the outlook for William Hill's betting shops, which account for the bulk of the company's turnover, is bleaker. Most experts forecast minimal or no underlying growth in betting shops' revenue as the market is near saturation and suffering from competition with the National Lottery.

With Internet betting still a long way from becoming a sizeable contributor to earnings, some analysts see William Hill's reliance on betting shops as a flotation, will also help to bring drawback. The other threat to count to the market and to

Associate City Editor

cent to 88 million in the nine

months to 31 December. Stanst-

ed was again the star among

BAA's seven airports with

passenger numbers up by a

record 30 per cent. BAA has

been helped by the airline price

battle, which has boosted the

number of holidaymakers as

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by the decline in the number of

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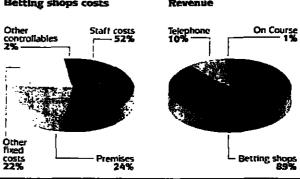
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This has helped stabilise re-

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WILLIAM HILL: AT A GLANCE

Estimated market value: £465-525m, share price 155-175p Trading record 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 Turnover (£bn) 1.65 1.67 1.80 1.82 1.88 Profit for the year (£m) 58 Earnings per share (p) Dividends per share (p) 5.8 6.1 *forecast by Worburg Dullon Read Betting shops costs



William Hill shares is the chance of a sudden rise in betting and levy duty - two of the main drains on the company's resources. Experts pointed out that William Hill could be hit hard from unexpected tax rises.

Broker Warburg Dillon Read is forecasting a profit before exceptionals of £91m for 1999, putting the shares on a forward multiple of 11 to 12.5, depending on the final price. This is a dis-

share price, pence

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assive retail landlord, BAA

has been adding its own stores

in several airports. These have

included Cigar House, The Wine

Collection and The Golf Shop, in

addition to the more established

BAA set for Terminal 5 decision

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William Hill's main competitors, the market leader Ladbroke and the fourth-largest chain Stanley Leisure, even though valuations are clouded by Ladroke's hotels business and

Stanley's casino operations. Bruce Jones, leisure analyst at Merrill Lynch, said the shares were worth a punt but investors should not expect spectacular growth. "This will be a dull but worthy stock with a bit of added spice from telephone betting."

However, there was no news

- the proposed abolition of duty

free shopping within the Euro-

pean Union by the end of June.

There has been talk of a possi-

ble delay to the ban but no an-

Analysts say the loss of duty-

free revenue is not as big an

issue for BAA as for the ferry op-

erators. BAA will be able to

make up most of the lost rev-

enue via a 70p per passenger in-

crease in landing charges that

will be phased in over two years.

nouncement has been made.

BY NIGEL COPE

UNO, the furniture retailer that also controls the World of Leather stores, has cut its half year dividend after reporting a plunge into loss at the interim stage as sales continue to weaken.

Same-store sales in the 10 weeks since November are down by 30 per cent on the

same period last year. The company said that footfall at its stores had fallen sharply as customers demonstrated "an unwillingness to

spend". Losses reached £1.7m in the six months to 7 November, compared with profits of £0.4m last time. The interim payout was cut to 0.4p against 1.85p last year.

The weak figures pushed Uno's shares down 18 per cent to 33.5p. This values the company at £6m and with the board holding more than 40 per cent of the shares has caused speculation about the future independence of the company.

Paul Rosenblatt, chairman and chief executive, said that Uno was "committed to remaining as a public company." but the group could seek a merger as a way of restoring Although there was a net

cash outflow of almost £9m in the half, the company is expected to have net cash of round £2m by the year end. The current share price is also underpinned by freehold on one of the key issues for BAA property holdings . Uno's problems are mainly

sectoral. Furniture is probably the weakest part of the troubled retail sector, with fear of recession causing consumers to defer larger purchases. Uno is also un against strong sales comparisons last Management has cut costs

by £4m and says a new head office, which combined Uno and World of Leather, will lead to efficiencies. On SG Securities' reduced

On BT Alex.Brown's full-year forecast of £485m the shares full-year profit forecast of £1m, up 42p to 765p yesterday - trade the shares trade on a forward on a forward multiple of 21. rating of nine.

With the bad news on duty free There could be value shopping already in the price, further out but there is no need the shares are rated a solid hold. to rush.

beautiful game

WAS delighted to see Lord Douro posing for photogra-phers by the statue of the Duke of Wellington in front of the Royal Exchange, to mark GRE's sale to AXA.

AXA's UK arm, Sun Life & Provincial, is the great-greatgreat grandson of the original victor of Waterloo, and heir to the title. The French obviously don't have any problem with this.

Just to show what a bunch of Anglophiles they are, AXA/Sun Life sponsor the FA Cup. Normally the companies that sponsor sports events do so because their chief executives are mad about the sport concerned.

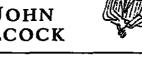
Not in this case. I am reliably assured that Mark Wood, chief executive of Sun Life, knows nothing about footy and cares even less. It was purely a commercial

decision, to raise the company's profile, according to a source close to the Duke's statue.

The spirit of the PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

By John





Though often considered a Whiskys of the World.

Lord Douro, chairman of CSFB wise man To the rescue

ANGLO-FRENCH relations ONE OF the Square Mile's leadseem to be blossoming. Didier ing legal experts on multina-Pineau-Valencienne is joining tional company rescues and Credit Suisse First Boston in insolvencies, Chris Mallon, has London as vice-chairman of the moved from City law firm Biddle & Co to its rival Freshfields. investment bank's European Mr Malion was one of the business, after 18 years as head of Schneider, a French manuleading legal figures sorting out facturer of electrical equipment. the affairs of BCCI, the corrupt

Mr Pineau-Valencienne's appointment has less to do with his investment banking expertise considerable - than with his impeccable euro-connections in the boardrooms that matter. He currently sits on the

boards of AXA, Rhone Poulenc and Sema Group and is also a "Conseiller" of the Banque de France. (I think that's French for



bank that crashed eight years

ago. He's considered quite a

catch by Freshfields, as the

role of British experts in rescu-

ing international companies

Freshfields' restructuring and

insolvency group, says Mr Mal-

lon's arrival should "strengthen

the firm's specialisation in fi-

seems to be taking off.

Bank of England". The Bank itself is perfectly solvent, I am told.

has a close relationship with the

Profit is good THE DEATH of accountancy

was declared last week in the home of the profession itself the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Moorgate, London. The occasion was the launch

of the "Association of Profit Advisers". Mark Lloydbottom. chief executive of the association, declared: "Traditional accountancy services are seen as parasitic, taking advantage of statutory auditing and accounting requirements without adding any value."

countants wouldn't stand for with a 0.45 carat ruby". that. In the event the bean counters lapped it up. Nick Hamil-Peter Bloxham, head of London Society of Chartered Accountants and partner in medium size firm Hereward Philips, welcomed the new association and added: "Profit used to be a nancial institutions. The firm dirty word".

How to impress IF YOU produce a dog-eared business card, the person receiving it will assume you are

"untrustworthy" and probably "a salesman". And if you've forgotten to bring a business card altogether, you will immediately be

branded "unprofessional". In contrast if you whisked a crisp card from a "solid silver card case", you will be accepted as "style conscious, professional and ambitious".

These findings come from a survey of 100 lawyers, bankers and directors carried out by a firm which is about to launch a luxury business card case "made from hallmarked sterling "Parasitic"? Surely the ac-silver, hand enamelled and set

Yours at £395 a snip. The woman behind the Giavarra ton, former chairman of the card case, Emmanuella Giavarra, is an international copyright lawyer. Her reason for launching the case is simple. "My husband gave me a card case and it was - uh - not good

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Ireland worth a flutter but France still fancied

THE LATEST odds for the Five Nations' Championship are: England evens, France 6-5, Wales 9-1, Ireland 20-1 and Scotland 50-1. England are slightly, though not much, better value than they were a few weeks ago. The biggest surprise, to me at any rate, is that Ireland and Wales have not changed places, in view of Ulster's winning of the European Cup, London Irish's continuing success in English rugby

and the Irish liking for taking a bet. I should have expected the weight of Irish money to make the odds less generous. But then, I am not a betting man or really a gambler at all. For me the pain of losing is greater than the pleasure of winning. As it is such hard work to all accounts restored to full vigour

- money, I mean - it is silly to give it away to the gentlemen with the big cigars and the Gladstone bags.

As far as Ireland are concerned, the bookies may be wiser than we know. They usually are. Only three of Saturday's triumphant side in Dublin look like appearing there this Saturday in the match against France: Jonathan Bell, David Humphreys and Andy Ward. With Malcolm O'Kelly injured, the same number from Dick Best's London Irish will get in: the back three of Conor O'Shea, Justin Bishop and Niall Woods.

The injury to O'Kelly is not such a blow to the side as it might have been. Jeremy Davidson, who is by get hold of the stuff in the first place at Castres, can move into the

second row to partner Paddy Johns. I must confess that if I were Warren Gatland, Ireland's New Zealand coach (New Zealanders are everywhere these days), I should be tempted to restore Simon Mason to the side for the metronomic kicking that wins matches, and play O'Shea in the centre with Bell.

Yet, in modern rugby the back three are as much a unit as the front row, the back row or the half-backs. O'Shea, Bishop and Woods have been playing so well for London Irish lately that it would be a pity to break the combination.

It is the kind of combination which Graham Henry, Wales' New Zealand coach, does not have at his disposal. His fellow-countryman Shane Howarth, another of those



Watkins

southern-hemisphere players who have suddenly discovered a convenient grandparent, is a fine attackmatch on his own. But the wings are

It was even being suggested before yesterday's announcement of the side that Henry would play Allan Bateman on the wing, retaining the Swansea combination of Mark Taylor and Scott Gibbs in the centre. This proposal was typical of Welsh selectors of old that we have come to know and love or, rather, laugh at. In Bateman you are lucky enough to have one of the best centres in Europe, if not the world. And what do you do with him? You play him on the wing, of course. What else?

Anyway, I am glad that Henry has resisted this suggestion, even if the wings he has chosen do not inspire an over-abundance of confidence. Datydd James is a big, strong, courageous performer who is a natural centre. He has never

appeared at ease on the wing. Apart half, but that was not Davies' fault. from anything else, he is not fast enough for international rugby. Gareth Thomas, who is injured, is of a similar type but has managed the transition from centre, his

original position, with more success. The other wing Matthew Robinson, I have not seen. He has been in the Swansea side only a matter of months. I wish him well. but he must count himself a fortunate young man. I wonder what is going through the mind of that other Swansea wing, Simon Davies. When Swansea last played South Africa, I saw him comprehensively outpace the visitors' defence, not once, but twice in the first half, when Swansea were in the lead. True they

lost by 70-odd points in the second

Davies has never been given a chance of any kind in the Welsh side. The wiseacres said of him, as they say of every really fast wing, that "his defence is suspect". They said it of Davies and Nigel Walker in Wales, of Andrew Harriman in England. They did not say it in Wales of Wayne Proctor, who can also shift. Even so, he is not in Saturday's

The truth is that Henry has progressed a certain distance but no further. He has produced the spine of the side but little more Still I expect Wales to beat Scotland and France to beat Ireland who, however, remain the good value bet. I am backing France for the Championship, none the less.

side either.

Super Bowl XXXIII: Broncos make it two in a row as Falcons have wings clipped by inspirational quarterback

Veteran Elway basks in glory

AS SWANSONGS go, this was a BY NICK HALLING compelling finale. Playing what may be the last game of a glittering 16-year career, John Elway gave one of his most accomplished performances to lead the Denver Broncos to a for a 32-yard field goal from 34-19 triumph over the Atlanta Morten Andersen. Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII. The win, far more in than the final scoreline suggests, means that the Broncos have successfully defended their title, and that Elway has from where Howard Griffith completed the challenge he set himself last June, when he announced his return for one

Now speculation has already begun that he may be tempted to come back next year to furher enhance his reputation as one of the most inspirational quarterbacks to have ever played the game. "This definitely throws a kink into what I decide to do next year," he said. "But I am not even going to cross that bridge for a while. I'm going to enjoy this win because this is what I have been working nine months for. This is why I came back."

If this is finally the end, Elway signed off with a flourish. He completed 18 of his 29 passing attempts for 336 yards and a touchdown, but more significant than the numbers was the manner in which he dismantled Atlanta's imposing defence: the Falcons simply could not find a way to stop him. To nobody's surprise, Elway was a unanimous choice of the game's Most Valuable Player. Atlanta came into the contest

र्कें underdogs, but full of confidence in their ability to spring an upset. Those hopes appeared justified when they took the opening kick-off and drove impressively down the field. The running back Jamal Anderson made a bright start, gaining 24 yards on five carries as the Falcons penetrated deep

into Denver territory. They were unable to score a touchdown, however, settling instead

Elway's response was swift. Dail of Com Shannon Sharpe and another to Rod Smith saw Denver progress to Atlanta's goal-line, plunged in for the game's first touchdown. The Broncos had the lead and never looked in danger of losing it.

Their rivals had chances but failed to capitalise on them. Elway was intercepted by Ronnie Bradford when Sharpe failed to hold on to a simple catch, but nothing came of it. Surprisingly, the normally reliable Andersen then missed a routine 26-yard field goal, and the self belief that had propelled Atlanta through a fairytale season began to ebb

It must have been particularly galling for their head coach, Dan Reeves. Earlier in his career, Reeves had guided the Broncos to three Super Bowl appearances, only to be on the receiving end every time. Now, he was suffering again, seemingly powerless as his former team pounded his current one, "I really love every one of these players, they have been a very special group and I am proud of the way they handled the thing," he said. "We just didn't play well and I knew if we didn't play well we would get beat. We just didn't get the job

Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery six weeks ago, was named coach of the year for the manner in which he transformed perennial strugglers into championship contenders, but



Shannon Sharpe, of the Denver Broncos, is sent crashing to the ground by Ray Buchanan, of the Atlanta Falcons, while (right) John Elway celebrates his touchdown to seal a dominating performance

after four heavy Super Bowl reverses he must be wondering if he is destined never to win his sport's ultimate prize. The Broncos, and Elway, in particular, compounded his misery on a halmy Sunday night in Miami. Ironically, on the very next play after Andersen's missed field goal, Elway threw an 80-yard touchdown pass to Rod Smith to give Denver a 14-3 advantage.

The play was made against Atlanta's veteran defensive back, Eugene Robinson. A Super Bowl winner with Green Bay two years ago, Robinson was arrested for soliciting the night before the game and, although he was released on bail, the incident further confirmed the belief that Atlanta were doomed to failure.

reaching, and you have no idea of the gravity of the situation." he said. "That long pass is really going to haunt me. I tried to make an interception, but to John Elway's credit he threw the ball long enough so

that I had no shot. After that, it was all Denver. The running back Terrell Davis gained 102 yards on 25 attempts but other, lesser names enjoyed their moment of glory. Griffith claimed his second touchdown of the night with another short yardage run. The cornerback Darrien Gordon intercepted Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler twice at key moments in the third quarter, while the former Scottish Claymore, George Coghill, caused terback in the game, and prob-

Atlanta drive.

The Falcons' only bright spots came on Tim Dwight's electrifying 94-yard kick-off return for a touchdown, and Chandler's three-yard pass to Terance Mathis. Fittingly, Elway scored his team's last touchdown, a three-yard run

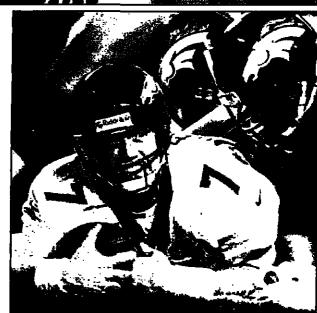
with 11 minutes remaining. Now attention is turning to the future, and there is little doubt that the Broncos want their leader to consider all his options. "I would love John to come back," said the team owner, Pat Bowlen. "What he has meant to this organisation and this city is unbelievable. I want him back."

"He is by far the best quar-

"The ramifications are far a fumble to extinguish another ably of all time," said the receiver Ed McCaffrey. "I am extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to play for him and win two Super Bowls

with him." Just like this time last year, Elway is revealing little. He will discuss things with his wife Janet and their four children, and has promised an immi-

nent announcement. The feeling is that Elway would like to leave the game as a winner and there can be no greater personal accomplishment than his brilliance on Sunday. Then again, no team in the game's history has ever won three Super Bowls in succession. The challenge may tempt him to delay retirement



TOMORROW

Bill McLaren, the BBC's voice of rugby union, talks to Brian Viner as he looks forward to this Saturday's Five Nations'

Championship

MEMBERS OF the International Olympic Committee gather in Lausanne this week to tackle an issue which threatens to un-

not bribery. Doping abuse. But as delegates and officials seek to make crucial policy decisions in the long-awaited World Conference on Doping in Sport, they are in danger of having their attention distracted by the escalating scandal surrounding charges of bribery

dermine their movement. No,

and corruption within the IOC. Many IOC members will be feeling distinctly unsettled by yesterday's news that the FBI, investigating the charges of

bribery by those who secured the 2002 Winter Olympics for Salt Lake City, has issued subpoenas to two educational institutions in Utah and asked them to check the names of 60 IOC officials.

The FBI's line of enquiry, on behalf of the US Department of Justice, follows allegations that free scholarships were offered to members of IOC representatives' families in an effort to gain their support for the bid. Olympic leaders are stressing that the FBI is not investigating IOC officials directly, but the latest initiative will increase the The World Conference on Doping starts today in Lausanne against a disturbing backdrop of scandal. By Mike Rowbottom

Sense of unease in Olympic movement

ignation of four IOC members five others pending a vote on their expulsion. The IOC president, who has faced a barrage of calls for his own resignation, will seek to shore up his position by calling for a vote of confidence from IOC members next month.

It is against this background that what could be one of the most telling advances against the problem of doping abuse in sense of unease in a movement sport will take place. One of the major functions of which has already seen the res-

starting today, was to make Samaranch's position more secure after the disastrous statement he was reported to have made last year implying that if doping did not actually harm athletes, it was acceptable. His words provoked a storm of outrage within the sporting com-

munity, and indeed the IOC itself, as it appeared to contra-dict the IOC position on doping. The general thrust of this con-

the World Conference, which ference is to establish a clear and and the temporary exclusion of takes place over three days co-ordinated doping policy ahead of the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, a policy that will stand up to the legal challenges that have undermined efforts to apply sanctions to doping of-

fenders in the last 10 years. There are hopes that there will be significant movement on the issue of blood doping and instituting a test that has been researched to determine illegal levels of human growth hor- with the IOC's internal investi-

substance which is believed to be widely employed by cheats. tion, one working party will recommend establishing a \$15m

One of the tactics being employed against those athletes who take civil actions against doping bans on the grounds of restraint of trade is to impose bans that will keep offenders out of the biggest competitions, such as the Olympic Games, while allowing them to make a living.

At its meeting on 20 August last year the IOC executive committee established working parties to look into four crucial areas. Under the chairmanship of Dick Pound, the man charged mone, a naturally occurring gation into bribery and corrup-

(£9.2m) Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Agency. It will extend drug testing beyond the period of the Games itself, and is intended to be an independent body run by a board drawn from the Olympic movement, governments, medical and scientific bodies, and athletes.

In the meantime, the IOC has stressed it is not investigating Sydney's winning bid for the 2000 Olympics despite reports that members of Australia's national Olympic body offered financial inducements to IOC members before the vote in 1993.

Stewart may have to rest on his laurels

BY STEPHEN BRENKLEY

kept playing he was fine. After

he arrives home at the finish of

the one-day series in two weeks

he may have some time off.

"When I don't have to do, it my

body will just collapse for two

weeks," he said. "You can be

He is obviously, and justifi-

ably, proud of the statistic that

he has not missed an England

one-day match for which he has

been available since the last

World Cup (he was in Australia

when a team went to Bangla-

desh last autumn), and even

then he fielded for part of the

time. That is more than 30

For all Stewart's insistence

on continuing his run, the

decision might be taken out of

his hands. It is his hands indeed

which may be the reason. He

has been playing with a bruised left thumb for several matches

opener and keeper.

IF ALEC STEWART has ever asked for a rest, he was no doubt playing snooker at the time. Anything beyond that, like putting his feet up for an international cricket match after touring since October and batting, wicketkeeping and being captain in five Tests and eight limited-overs games, does not feature in his vocabulary.

"I'm as good as gold," he said, when asked to describe his pretty sure I won't be practising." state of body and mind as England prepared for their ninth match in the Carlton & United Series, against Sri Lanka in Sydney tomorrow. Like the 10th, against Australia on Friday, it is effectively a dead contest. The two finals places have already been decided and England and Australia have them. Stewart does not quite matches in which he has been see it that way.

"We don't want to go into the finals with two defeats. You want to ensure that whatever side you're putting out is one capable of beating the opposition. I don't want to miss games. These are international cricket matches, not dead games."

and, stoic though he is, it has clearly caused him discomfort. Stewart said that while he Emburey's side face test of experience

JOHN EMBUREY, the England match going ahead, despite cutting short the tourists' pracperienced side for suffering from pre-Test nerves as they face up to Zimbabwe in Harare

Only Andy Flintoff has appeared in a senior international, so Emburey anticipates a few butterflies in the stomachs of his younger players ahead of the first unofficial Test.

"I think they will feel the pressures of playing in an international match," he said. "Obviously they're chuffed to get selected for the tour but, once it comes to that first match, there's a sense of nervousness which is quite nice."

tice session at the Alexandra Sports Club yesterday.

Darren Thomas and Melvyn Betts will lead the attack. The Yorkshire pace bowler Paul Hutchison is returning home for treatment on his back injury, while Durham's Steve Harmison (sore shins) and Sussex bowler Jason Lewry (knee) are unlikely to be risked until fully recovered. Dean Cosker and Graeme Swann will provide a contrasting spin attack.

Zimbabwe's A side are coached by Warwickshire's Zimbabwe-born batsman, Trevor Penney, and will be led Heavy rain yesterday is not by the former Cambridge Uni-

This may be the time to discover John Crawley's capabil-ities as keeper at this level and to try to establish who might open if Stewart was forced out.

"I'm only one of three se-lectors so I might be outvoted 2-1. But my vote will be the one unless the physic is adamant that I should have a break," he said. It may be the perfect opportunity for him to have at least one game off but his attitude is admirable.

England, as they insist they have throughout this tournament, will be selecting from 16. Of course, it is important not to lose both the remaining qualifying matches but the tour selectors will also be keen to give the fringe players a game. They may feel they have not discovered enough yet about the international propensity of Mark Alleyne, Vince Wells or even Ben Hollioake. All three will come into the reckoning this week because, while England have made significant one-day progress in the past month, they still need to deduce the appropriate balance for the World Cup squad which must be

"There are 15 names for the World Cup and the thing is to make sure they are the right 15 guys. You have to make some hard decisions. When you're in possession and the team's doing well then it can be hard for some players back home."

announced next month.

England have different conditions to consider in the World Cup, they have to be sure of the international credentials of the men brought here as part of the selectorial intention to cast their net wide. But so far in this competition they have largely played sensibly and calmly. That must be borne in mind when it comes to next month. ■ The Sri Lankan opening batsman Sanath Jayasuriya will be out for at least six weeks after undergoing surgery on his broken arm in Melbourne yesterday. Jayasuriya suffered the injury when hit by a delivery from Australia's Brendon Ju-



Damon Hill unveils the new Jordan-Mugen-Honda yesterday

THE ENGLAND Under-21 side HOCKEY BY BILL COLWILL

returned from the Czech Republic yesterday with a bronze medal to show for their efforts at the European Indoor Championships, but as the debate on the value of the indoor game continues, there is no certainty they will compete in future competitions of that sort.

England beat the hosts 5-1 in the third-place play-off with

were beaten 5-3 by Belarus. Formby were held to a 1-1 draw In the Women's Indoor Pre-by Durham University. The mier play-offs at Crystal Palace, Slough beat Hightown 8-1 in the

and the captain, Lisa Wooding, getting the fifth. Belarus, with a 4-2 win against Lithuania who beat England 2-1 in the semi-final - took gold. England's route to the semi-

finals was paved with pool wins against Slovakia and France. In

Grant helps England to bronze

final with Jane Smith scoring three times to secure a spot for her team in next season's European Club Championships. Chelmsford finished runners-up with Hightown third.

There were no changes to the regional leaders over the and Mahmood Bhatti (2) doing

beaten 2-1 at bome by Tunbridge Wells with goals from Mark Elston and Matt Purchase. In the Hampshire Surrey

South leaders, Fareham, were

regional league, the runaway leaders Old Georgians thrashed London University 12-0 with Gary Notton (5), Paul Way (3)

Hill aims to regain his crown

FEW PERFORMERS can have been given such an introduction, even on the stage. "Damon Hill is the man who taught us how to win," Eddie Jordan told the invited audience.

Jordan launched their new car and their new challenge with characteristic pizzazz yesterday, their self-belief buoyed by a maiden Grand Prix win and fourth place in the championship last season.

But, much as Jordan himself strutted his stuff and Heinz-Harald Frentzen, his recruit from Williams, pleaded for recognition of the "foreigner" in the camp, this was more than anything about the new championship hopes of Hill, the 1996 Ralf Schumacher was the title winner. Hill, who delivered Jordan that first success, in Belgium, will be 39 before this campaign is over and, having recovered much self-esteem following an ill-starred stint with Arrows and an abject first half of last season, might well have been contemplating a lap of honour before retiring to enjoy his wealth.

If he is, he was not letting on. "I'd like to win the championship this year and if not this year then I'd like to have another stab," he said. "It's not the time to be talking of going or quitting. I'm pumped up for this season. I'm very positive. I'm looking forward to more suc-

The Englishman, who has always been required to prove himself in the eyes of a critical Formula One, will doubtless find an additional source of David Ashdown motivation in his pairing with

BY DERICK ALLSOP

Frentzen, the German accommodated at Williams by Hill's dismissal. "I'm not one to bear a grudge." Hill said, when asked to consider the piquancy. "It was a decision Frank Williams took. It's nice to have Heinz-Harald as a team-main and I'm sure we have a kit in common to discuss.

The smirk could have been interpreted any way you wanted, but it is clear he is reliching the chance to put this particular record straight.

Just as last season, when team's other driver, Hill will share No I status. He voiced his dissatisfaction with the arrangement 12 months ago, yet insists he has no concerns with it this time. "I have no problem not being outright No 1," he said. "I was No 1 at Arows and couldn't do anything with it. It's not relevant."

Jordan is happy with the strategy and confident of success. He said: "The monkey is off our back now and any pressure we have has to be easier to bear than in the previous eight years. Now there is a very strong element of self-confidence, in the team, the drivers, the car and engine. That confidence takes the stress away from the problem. We can evaluate our progress and know we can improve. What we cannot evaluate as yet is the progress of the others, so it is impossible to say how far we can go."

TODAY'S NUMBER

64 The number of

wheelchair spaces at baseball's Yankee Stadium. The New York Yankees are being sued by three New lersey residents for not properly providing for disabled funs.

Kauhanen injury setback for Storm

A SERIOUS INJURY to their netminder, Timo Kauhanen, overshadowed Manchester Storm's 2-1 Superleague win against. Newcastle Riverkings on Sunday.

The Finnish stopper, in his first game for Storm, was taken off after four minutes when he. collided with Riverkings' Rob Trumbley and was taken to hospital with suspected broken ribs. His replacement, Frank Piet-

rangelo, foiled the Riverkings with a string of fine saves after Darren McAusland had cut their advantage to one goal with 15 minutes remaining. Manchester overcame the loss of Kauhanen and took the lead through Jeff Jablonski four minutes later rangelo's heroics maintained their three-point lead at the top.

wins in a row with a 4-0 success over the struggling London Knights, Goals came from from Mario Simioni, with two, Steve Thornton and Mery Priest.

night came in Scotland, where Ayr Scottish Eagles thrashed Nottingham Panthers 6-3. Second-period goals from Mark Montanari, Dennis Purdie, Jeff Hoad and Dino Bauba took Mike Blaisdell's under-strength side by surprise, following Mark Woolf's opening goal after four

Sheffield Steelers overcame Bracknell Bees by recorded a Blair Scott doubled the lead in 42 success at the Arena Goals the second period before Piet- from Ed Courtenay, Teeder Wynne and Jason Heywood within seven second-period min-Cardiff Devils made it six utes put Steelers on course.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

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FIRST DIVISION Bradford Cry Bury v ipswich 2 Crystal Palace v Birmingham Cransby v Bolton

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

The surprise result of the

AND POOLS FORECAST

36 Peterborough v Barnet ... 37 Plymouth v Cardiff 38 Rotherham v Southend ... 38 Scarborough v Cambridge Utd2 Not on coupous Shrewsbury v Rochdale; Torquay v Scunthorpe. Friday: Swansea v Brighton Sunday: Derby v Everton. Hor Charleon v Wimbledon SCOTTISH PREMIER

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE 16 Portsmouth v Tranmere 17 Sheff Utd v West Bromwich 18 Sunderland v Swindon 19 Wolves v Oxford Utd.... Friday: Bristol City v QPR,

DIVISION 26 Oldham v Lincoln Oty..... 27 Preston v Bristol Rovers 28 Reading v Walsali 29 Wigan v Notts County..... ter Utd: Wycombe v Fulham; Scarborough v Cantbridge Utd; Aberdeen v Kilmannock; Hamilton v Airdrie. FOUR DRAMS: West Ham v Arsenal; Crys-

44 Apr v Morton 45 Clydebank v Falkirk Postpe 46 Hamilton v Airdrie 47 Hibernian v Stranvær SCOTTISH SECOND

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DIVISION

FIVE AMAYS: Noton Forest v Manches-

tal Palace v Birmingham; Grimsby v Bolton; Port Vale v Huddersfield.

Pools farecast selections by Ian Davies

1.40 Salamah 2.10 Medium Wave 2.40 Native Filing 3.10 North Tyne 3.40 Pennywise 4.10 Country Store 4.40 Mister Generosity

TAUNTON

GOTING: Hurdie course - Good to Soft (Soft in places); chase course - Soft (Good to Soft in places).

If Right-hand course, Run-in of #50yds.

Course is S of town on B3170. Taunton station 2m. ADMiS-SION: Members 211; Paddock 29; Centre of Course 23, Accompanied under-16s free, CAR PARK: Centre of course 23;

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II LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 42-20 (20%), P Hobbs 27-110 (2A5%), R Hodges 17-52 (112%), P Nicholis 10-63 (114%).

II LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 25-130 (192%), M A Rizgerald 15-70 (214%), C Maude 15-83 (61%), N Williammon 12-53 (226%), III FAVOURTES: 15-4-409 (377%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Carlys Quest (visored, 210), Karadeni (210), Langlesford (240), Ivory Coaster (310).

1.40 IDEAL WEDDING RECEPTION NOVICE HURDLE (E) \$2,900 added 2m 1f

80 TOASTED (82) Miss E Lavelle 7 10 12_

FORM GUIDE

An above-average race for Taurium but not many merit seri-ous consideration. In the belief that his Ascot deleat is not an accurate reflection of his ability, SALAMAH is readily preferred to the useful Explain This, whose form is nore the less of a decent enough standard for him to be much respected.

2.10 TAUNTON EXHIBITION CENTRE NOVICE H'CAP HURDLE (E) £2,900 2m 3f 110yds

Minimum weight: 10st. True handlogs weighte: Karadeni Sat 10th, Lime Sheet Blace Sat Sh., Gurs Playacha, Up The Teapp Sat Sh. BETTIME: 1 Lizzya Frant, 4-1 John Basth, 9-2 Madisum Wawa, 6-1 Carlys Carest, 6-1 Golden Lity, 10-1 Rash Reliection, 14-1 Lettylait, 16-1 others

FORM GUIDE John Bush and Lizzy's First are on the upgrade, but CARILY'S QUEST is a potentially much-improved met in a visor (which worked wonders for him on the First) for the first time.

2.40 RACECOURSE CONFERENCE CENTRE NOVICE CHASE (D) 25,250 added 2m 3f FORT NOVICE CHASE (D) 25,250 added 21
FIGH NATIVE FLING (22) P-Hobbs 7 t2 1 R Durn
PO ACCESS FESTIVALS (12) R Fixes 9 rt 3 M Fixer
FORTS BOULEVARD BAY (22) Mis P Robeson 8 rt 3 M Bichs
-00544 DURNEC'SS TOWN (22) F Bucker 7 rt 3 S Bus
F-F222 GORMAN (82) Wiss H Kingle 7 rt 3 M A FIX
630 LANGLEFFORD (15) E L.James 7 rt 3 J R Keets
4004 NORDICE BREEZE (87) M Fixer 7 rt 3 P R Fixer
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1 0000-0 SILVER GIBL (47) H Howe 8 rt 3 T J F
1 US 4-40 WILLE WALLACE (42) O ONE 7 rt 1 T H OI
8 PRODO AMBER RING (22) Miss K Googs 6 rt 0 2 R I
1 SOUGH ORIENTAL STYLE (22) B Baking 5 rt 7 B Ft
- 14 declared -S Berrough
M A Fitzgerald

BETTING: 5-4 Native Ping, 5-1 Gorman, 5-1 North Killenny, 6-1 No Breeze, 7-1 Siberian Henry, 5-1 Oriental Style, 16-1 Soulevard Bay, 2 Wille Wallace, 38-1 others

FORM GUIDE Nordic Breeze was best of these over hurdes but it remains to be seen if he takes to fences. Native Filing will be popular but he has to give a tot of weight sery all round and this looks a chance for NORTH KILKENNY to get off the mark. He has 3.10 STAPLEMEAD SEMINAR SUITE MAIDEN HURDLE (D) (DIV I) £4,250 3m 110yds

R455 KAZ KALEM (34) P Hobbs 7 13 5 R Domwood OOP HORMANTHESTRANMAN (30) P Shelespetre 6 11 5 L Henes 12-20 HORTH TYNE (61) (BF) R Alber 5 11 5 R A P McCo

FORM GUIDE Cutte an open affair, Ivory Coaster is the form pick but has had plenty of chances, and less-exposed KAZ KALEMI and North Tyne make more appeal. Kaz Kalemts fifth to Storm Of Gold at Utboster has worked out quite well, and a reproduction of that effort may be good enough.

3.40 STAPLEMEAD SEMINAR SUITE MAIDEN HURDLE (D) (DIV II) £4,250 3m 110yds

FORM GUIDE

STORM CASTLE, who has the measure of Measter Restus on a line through Winston Run, is likely to find the Venetia Wilsons-trained hunding newcomer Pennywise a major stumbing block in an offerwise ordinary effair.

4.10 SADDLE ROOM DISCO HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) E5,000 edded 3m

1 PI441 BIFLIENCE PEDLER (80) Mass K George 8 11 0... R Manuely
2 T2425 AMBILESIDE (79) (C) Mas S Williams 8 11 7 ... C Liseally
3 - E251 THE COCKERTOO (19) (D) R Ahme 8 10 52 ... A P McCoy
4 - 43343 ROD'S PROMISE (19) C Pophans 8 10 8 ... R Parsent
5 - 4004F AMERICANAMAL (FR) (S) S Mallor 11 10 6 ... C Webb
6 - 4P22 RAGAMUFF (15) P Hobbs 8 10 1 ... C Whebb
7 3 13324 CRAIXING PROSPECT (54) 8 R Militans 6 10 R Rosentos 8 18
8 POP4- COLUMNY STORE (259) M Pop 8 10 0 ... R Johnson
9 032-01 WOT NO GRN (117) A J Wilson 10 10 0 ... S Kelly (5)
9 declared Affinitum weight: 10st Theo handson weights: Creating Prospect 3st 725.

Minimum weight: 10st. Thes handings veights: Cracking Prospect Set 12b, Country Store Set 10b, Viot No Gin Set 7b. BETTING: 13-8 The Cockerton, 9-2 Influence Pedies; 5-1 Country Store, 6-1 Ambilealis, 13-2 Regardsit, 10-1 Koo's Promise, Cracking Prospect, 14-1 Americannel, 20-1 Wot No Gin FORM GUIDE

THE COCKERTOO jumped exceptionally well under long McCoy last time and absolutely hacked up. He will be difficult to beat if reproducing that effort, although there has to be a alight worny about his effectiveness on this softer ground. Raiga-must is consistent enough and should nur well.

4.40 WEDDING LICENCE H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,900 added 3m 110yds CLASS F) £2,900 acided 3rm 110yds

RI/48 PALDSANTO (32) (D) M Poe 8 2.0 ______A P McCoy 8

FUP44 GOLDEN ARROW (F102) M Poe 8 11 7 ______A R Greece

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FUP45 MCRANDRC (M2) (20) (8P) P Hotbe 7 10 2 ______A R Widge (5)

MSS-R DARIU (MSS) (13) R Holinshead 10 10 2 _______A R Widge (5)

FUP45 GENTLEIGAN JMI (32) N Hawley 9 10 0 ________ C Mayed

OCS30 THE MINDER (FR) (67) (G) G Edwards 12 10 0 _______ R Johnson 8

AG-38 FANCY MANCY (12) Mas G Johnson 8 10 ______ W Marsites

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FORM GUIDE This is basically an uncompetitive race in which good recent form is thin on the ground NORLANDIC has shown enough to win a race such as this and this fairly-weighted novice has been found a likely-looking opening here.

LINGFIELD

1.20 Tom 1.50 Gadge 2.20 Night City 2.50 Light Breeze 3.20 WILD THING (nap) 3.50 Mukarrab 4.20 Half Tide (nb) STALLS: inside, except tro - putside.

STALLS: Inside, except †m - outside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to †m, especially for 6f.

Equitrack surface; left-hand, sharp unclaim, course.

Ecourse is SE of town on 82028. Lingheld station (served by London, Victoria) adjoins course, ADMISSION: One enclosure Etc.

CAR PARK: Club £3; remainder free.

FVE-YEAR STATISTICS.

LEADING TRAINERS; G L Moore 86-654 (£1%), R Hempon 49-373 (£1%), M Johnston 48-272 (£1%), G Sidmensy 44-303 (142%), E LEADING JOCKEYS: A Clark 75-601 (125%), J Wester 68-307 (£21%), S Sanders 65-563 (115%), & Whithworth 55-386 (142%).

EAVOURTIES: 722-243 (\$3.7%).

LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Tom (120) travels 270 miles.

BLINKERED FIRST THES: Analosto (visored, 350).

1.20 PEACH AMATEUR HANDICAP (CLASS E) (Div I) £3,500 added 1m

Minimum weight: Set 10th. True handcap weight: Dream Clarifer Set 2th. BETTING: 2-1 Takhtiid, 4-1 Forest Robin, 5-1 Jubilies Scholar, Rom., 13-2 Katil, 19-1 Dembrae, Hi Marjadid, 12-1 others

FORM GUIDE in-form Takhticl could take a lot of beating. There are possible is about Forest Robin and recent Fibreaand winners from and if Multishid, but it may be worth chancing KAFIL, who has good draw from which to adopt his front-running tactics and is weighted to reverse May's C&D form with Jobblee Scholar.

1.50 PEACH AMATEUR HANDICAP (CLASS E) (Div II) £3,500 added 1m

1 00-00 REDOUBTABLE (15) (C) D Carparen & 2.0 __ bline R Cart 3
000-5 WARRING BEACK (10) (CD) G L Moore 8 11 3 __ Mes J Moore 2
3 300-2 WITHOUT FRESIDS (10) (CD) G Kelbauy 5 11 0 Mr A Invite (5) 1
4 1040- GAIDGE GT) (CD) (S) J Petros 7 0 10 __ Mes L Peuros 8
5 600-43 GRICOMS GCLD (S) J Petros 7 0 10 __ Mes L Peuros 8
6 0040- PEGAWN (J13) Mes H Walton 4 10 5 __ Mins Walton (5) 5
7 200-00 GREEN JACKET (s) R CS-Jimen 4 10 2 __ Mins B Fisher (7) 4 8
8 00000 MESCHAMMA (J20) P Howing 7 9 12 __ Mes G Haddow (7) 8
9 000-00 SARIAM (5) (CD) J Long 18 10 __ Met TWebs (7) 7 E
9 declared — Met TWebs (7) 4 Groone Gold, 11-2 Redoublable, 6-1 Websid Beach, Wildow 4, 8-1 Figuren, 12-1 Green Jacket, Melcrosteia, 25-1 Saram FC-OFMI GUIDE

A much weaker event than REDUSTABLE normally contests srd, better treated than he has been for aome time, he is expected to defy top weight. Although he has to prove his stanish, there are doubts about all his rivels.

2.20 BRING YOUR GOLF TO LINGFIELD CLAIMING STAKES (E) £3,500 1m 2f 23-63 MG-HT CITY (15) (C) (D) (6F) K Burke 8 9 12. P Doe (5) 8
1064 ORSAY (14) (p) W Mar 7 8 2 Neid 8 9 0. M Defect CITY (15) (C) (A Pelid 8 9 0. M Defect CITY (15) (15) (C) (A Pelid 8 9 0. M Defect (5) 7 8
304-33 ERTON (10) (C) (C Orbital 9 8 2 . M Befec (7) 2
00-20 KEY TO THE CITY (15) (D) (8F) P Eocles 5 8 8. S Carson (7) 5
04600 DELIM (89) (D) (HIS 5 8 7 . Defec Orbital 4
00300 SOVIET LADY (105) R Ingram 5 8 7 . A Clark 6
304-53 MR ROUGH (12) D Morte 8 8 6 . N Oay 3 8
0000 RWAL BED (1757) (CD) Mex N Marcaley 11 8 2 . Armande Sendes 9 . 9 declared 1 TING: 6-4 Jaca Shrine, 11-4 Night City, 9-2 Ection, 7-1 Key To The

SETTING: 6-4 Java Strike, 11-4 Night City, 9-2 Ention, 7-1 Key To The City, 16-1 Ones, Mr Rough, 20-1 Delice, 25-1 others

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FORM GUIDE A back-to-form Night City would not be easy to peg back, but JAVA SHRIME has talen so well to this surface that he is worth following until beaten at this level. Onany fooles the pick of the remember.

2.50 DAMSON SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) 52,500 added 3YO 67 4053-2 LADY CARBRON (13) J Borry 8 0 P Bradley (7) 5
540-1 WESTSIDE FLYER (22) (10) A Kelleway 9 0 D Sweeney 1
00 HELPINS WEDDING (16) J Berry 8 7 Lone Wands (6) 3
3005-3 LIGHT SREEZE (13) G L Moore 8 7 RD Britabard (7) 4
6-4-20 RIDDLE (14) F Berrs 8 7 T G Michaeghile 2 B - s securing -BETTING: 6-4 Westelde Hyer, 9-4 Liety Centron, 7-2 Light Bresze, 6-1 Riddle, 25-1 Helen's Wedding

FORM GUIDE This return to 6f should salt LIGHT BREEZE, who has run re-specially here, and she can reverse list months Wolverhampton placings with Lady Carbron over today's extra furlong. Both Westside Flyer and Fliddle should be on the premises too.

3.20 LINGFIELD PARK RACING STABLES MAIDEN STAKES (D) £5,250 added 1m

FORM GUIDE Yet another weak mailon on AW featuring runners whose form is far from solid or whose resolution may not be all it should be. Webling Kright has had his chances and preference is for the unexposed RMPELLING, who has shown promise in a light campaign on turf and halls from a stable whose AW numbers describe plenty of respect. - 12 countes -Markman weight: 10st. True latricises weights: Gentlemen Jim 9et 11th, The Marche 9st 7th, Spirk Lovel Set 3th, Misser Generosity Set (No, One More Diese -88 SE. BETTING: 11-4 Horlandic, 3-1 Golden Arrow, 13-2 Palceanto, 7-1 White-bornet, 8-1 Mister Generosity, 10-1 The Minder, 12-1 Daru, Fancy Maccy

3.50 GREENGAGE HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,250 added 67 205-03 RODO MAGIC (12) (CD) I. Montague Hell 7 9 10 ... W Ryen 5 51-51 MUKARRAR (12) (CD) I. Montague Hell 7 9 10 ... W Ryen 5 51-51 MUKARRAR (12) (SA) (19) (CD) D Chapmen 5 97... A Culture 4 2014- AOIFE (43) (CD) G Wang 4 9 7... S Deam McKeower 7 V 0-8004 SCRSOR RDGE (2) (CD) J Bodge 7 8 11 ... R Stelland (7) 2 00004 SHARP PEARL (12) D Cogrove 6 8 7... S Whitestin 1 B 2-3405 FRIBBIDLY BROWE (10) (C) (D) K Norry 6 7 TDC Catlin (7) 8 8 0-6802 WORKYS GRAB HRRE (7) (C) (O) K Norry 6 7 TDC Catlin (7) 8 8 0-6802 WORKYS GRAB HREE (7) (C) (O) K Norry 6 7 TDC Catlin (7) 8 8

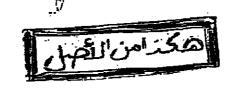
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-6 dictared -BETTING: 7-4 Acits, 7-2 Malarrab, 9-2 Acoloto, 7-1 Robo Megic, 10-1 Science Ridge, Ivery's Grab filtre, 12-1 Friendly Brave, 33-1 Sharp Peed

MUKARRAB can boost his record on Equirack. He remains a hondicapper on the upgrade and should again be sale to dominate from a reasonable draw Acite is open to improvement but her outside draw will not make it easy for her today.

4.20 CHERRY HANDICAP (CLASS E) 23,500 added 1m 4f

rety 7st 3th.
BETTING: 5-2 Hert Tide, 9-2 Secrety's Shellie, 6-1 Mystagogus, Hervey Wilde.
7-1 Haydin Jernes, 6-1 Hurgis Denois, 13-1 Tides Prece, 14-1 others
FORM GUIDE
Totals Income. Today's longer trp should suit HALF TIDE, potentially well treat-ed off today's 48 on his second to Theloyanti (winner since) here last month. Sammy's Shuttle is the danger.



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THE INDEPENDENT Tuesday 2 February 1999

Pearl is ready for s crown .last ditch attempt

THE FORM BOOK tells us that By RICHARD EDMONDSON the biggest danger to Florida Pearl is big and dark and, like He probably wasn't going fast the great horse himself, nurtured in Ireland.

This nemesis is not a beast, last fence at Leopardstown, at memories of the day." which Willie Mullins' sevenyear-old came to grief in the Ericsson Chase on his latest start. That obstacle, a ditch, put a self dropping off at the same dent in Florida Pearl's unbeaten record over Christmas, and his rivals in Sunday's Irish Gold Cup back at Leopardstown may anticipate a recurrence. It is not a straw they

should grab too tightly. Florida Pearl has cleared that fence proficiently in two races during his novice season. It is a barrier he has crossed expertly since the Ericsson while schooling. Indeed, it is proba-

bly his favourite obstacle. "Strangely enough, it is the one fence that, when he'd jumped it the twice before in races, he'd really pinged and got a length at," Mullins said yesterday. "It seems to be a favourite fence of his, so it was both surprising and disappointing what he did that day. clatter and burned off the other

1.30 Es Go

2.00 Finisterre

3.00 Adamatic

2.30 Ballad Minstrel

GOING: Good (Good to Soft in pleces)

enough at it. We went up to Leopardstown after the Ericshowever, but rather the third so he certainly has no bad son and he pinged that fence,

> They probably belong to Richard Dunwoody, the jockey that afternoon who found him-

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Adamatic (Musselburgh 3.00) NB; Mukarrab (Lingfield 3.50)

time as the Christmas tree needles. However, Dunwoody returns to action today.

The unproductive speculation continues as to whether Florida Pearl would have overhauled Dorans Pride at Leopardstown had he remained upright. Connections, naturally enough, assess his capsize as a result of a lapse rather than fatigue. "You wouldn't have been disappointed if he'd been tired because they'd gone a right

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD to Soft in places).

Right-hand evel course with light times.

Course is 5m E of Edinburgh on A1. Bus link from Edinburgh station 5m. ADMISSION: Club £12; Grandstand & Paddock £7 (OAPs and unemployed £4). Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARK: Free.

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LEADING TRAINERS: M Hammond 22-18 (189%), J Howard Johnson 20-103 (185%), P Montaith 16-88 (182%), C Parker 9-55 (184%), Mrs S Bradburne 9-71 (127%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: A Dobbin 17-99 (172%), P Carberry 15-53 (283%), P Niven 17-10 (185%), B Storey 12-133 (9%), R Garritty 10-62 (161%), A S Smith 9-55 (184%).

FAVOURTIES: 13-277 (408%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Prejude To Fame (430).

1.30 DOLLAR NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (DW I) £3,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,406

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Ext Set world make at Caserick participation of the second to Impressive Purning Man here. Improving and good chance
Madge McSphash: Has had plenty of experience and is exposed as a poor performer. Even less successful over lances recently and returns to hunding here
Albert The Beer: Fairly useful 8/17 performer on Fist. No Impact over hundes, 24
lengths behind Es Go at Catterick last time. Less testing ground should help
Genespyr: Poor sprinter on Flat. Unificially recruit to hunding, well besten on debut
Description from the life come in ledged.

Seyonariza Well poeter in two bumpers and times notice fundamental claim-beriain. First run for current brainer after a 4500-guinea sale in October. Two Poola: Ror Guillaume 6yo. The betting should be the guide to his debut chence. Lead Dancer: In frame In two of six starts in bumpers in leatend, nearly all on test-ing ground. Place chance on that, and improvement possible on hurding debut over Arctic Start Modest maiden on Flat. 100-1, headstrong on recent hurding debut over C&D, setting early pace but finishing 75 lengths behind Ea Go.

VERDICT: The clear form pick is ES GO, it would appear that the only threats, but a fail, are posed by the hunding newcorners Two Pools and Lead Depose, but the latter's bumper form suggests that this irish challenger is nothing special and needs to be improved by the switch to hundles.

2.00 DOLLAR NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (Div II) £3,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,406

-9 declared --9 declared -BETTING: 6-4 Finisteens, 11-4 Celestiel Key, 5-1 Persian Fayre, 10-1 Sibraisier, Curriculus, 12-1 Gunner Marc, 14-1 Major Hage, Schillechi, 20-1 Die Hard Lady 1998 See Division 1

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Finisterne: Justified tavouritism in 14-numer maiden over C&D (good) lest month by 1½ lengths from Foxes Tall. Remote fifth in the mud next time. The one to beat Celestial Keyr Faithy useful 91 winner lest season on Fait. Well touted for hunding debut back in February 1996 at Wetherby (2m, good to soft) but was well beaten, weakening 2 out after racing freely. Hes to be respected for his Flat form Melgor Hage: Bred to stay well. Has shown only a little ability in a bumper and novice hundles, triad over as far as 2m7t. Plenty to prove Persian Fayre: Fairly useful 7t/fm form on Fait. 9-1, lost touch from 3 out when 31½ lengths fifth of 11 to Finewood over C&D (good to soft) on hundling debut. Schillecht: Yet to reveal any ability.

Sibrillecht: Yet to reveal any ability.

Sibrillecht: You by Storing Gele. Pulled up in a point in February. Sipped up early on hundling debut. 50-1, well-besten fifth of 7 finishers to impressive Running Man over C&D (good to soft) lest month, Head to fancy.

Die Hard Lady: Besten out of stort at Cartinel (2m11, good to firm) on debut and pulled up (broise blood vessel) four months later.

Quinter Marc: 7-4 tavourite, 14½ lengths fourth of 8 in bumper at Perth (2m, good) in September. Well besten with similar conditions at Bangor indowing month of 8 in novice hundle at Cartisle (2m11, good). Pulled up at Ayr 5 weeks later.

VERDICT: C&D winner FINISTERIE has the best hundles form, and by some week.

OR IN HOUSE RURGE AT CAMES (ATH), GOOD, PURED UP AT API A WESTELLER TO VERDICT: C&D winner FINISTERRE has the best hurdes form, and by some way, but he would lose out here if either Celestial Key or Persian Fayne ran to anything but he would lose out here if either Celestial Key or Persian Fayne ran to anything but her Figt form. Both of that duo, however, shaped as if hurding might prove too great a test for their stamma on their sole attempts so far under NH rules. Some encouragement for Gurener Marc can be found in her being sent off the 7-4 tevourite.

2.30 SPOTT NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,788

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ns name in lessing ten in two bumpers and three novice hurdles for Norman Cham-

3.30 Mr Lurpak

4.30 I'm The Man

4.00 Ardrina

horses," Mullins said, "but but he is near enough a certain Richard told me he hadn't asked

him a question at that stage. "He didn't actually fall and hit the ground, he went down on away, galloped on and jumped two hurdles, which tells me he wasn't tired at the time. A tired horse would have fallen, rolled over and taken all day to get up.

Florida Pearl was a glutton for this punishment. Afterwards he ate up twice, as Mullins did not realise the horse had been fed before being returned to his lodgings at Bagenalstown in Co Carlow. Now the big horse must devour a maximum of 10 opponents on Sunday, among whom there

He was up before Richard."

challengers. Florida Pearl is the 11-10 favourite with Ladbrokes, in front of David Nicholson's Escartefigue (6-4), with whom he had such a compelling struggle in the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Chase at last year's Festival. Addington Boy (40-1) makes his debut for Ferdy Murphy if the soft ground firms up.

are likely to be two British

runner as the forecast is for a dry week," the trainer said yesterday. "Adrian Magnire will ride and if the ground is lively, his tummy. He got up straight I am looking for a good run. Obviously we won't trouble the major ones, but he worked well at the weekend, and he has

been aimed at this race."

Addington Boy's schedule also includes the Grand National, which is also likely to be the next port of call for the title holder and another Sunday entry, Earth Summit. "He will probably go straight to Aintree, though if it was really wet, we might just have a look at the Gold Cup," Nigel Payne, one of the gelding's co-owners, said yesterday. "We want to give him an extended break and have him bursting out of his skin for Aintree."

The programme for Florida Pearl's great Gold Cup rival, Teeton Mill, was also established yesterday. The grey will have his tune-up for the blue riband over two and a half miles in the Mitsubishi Shogun Ascot Chase two weeks on Saturday. "There aren't many

'It would need to dry out a bit, races in which he can run be-

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Ballad Ministrel: Already at least as good over ferces as he was over hurdles, binkered lest two starts for easy win at Catatrick (2m, good) and 9 lengths accord of 5
to smart Aghawadda Gold at Wetherby (2m, soft). Sound prespects
Ressel: The best of these over hundles, in very good form in the autumn. Some way
off that form over fences, galring Ayr win (2m, heavy) in 2-numer race, 8 lengths off
Barriburgh Boy over C3D (good to soft) latest, but now 9th better off
Paticon's Flames Melden after 21 starts and well held here on form
Fix Sparrows: Chance of sorts on 1996/97 hurdles form for Nigel Tinkler. Plenty of
Improvement required on what he has shown in two novice chases this term
No Antinoetty: Well beaten only previous chase start. Little hurdles form this term
Onyourows: About two stone worse than the leading contenders on hurdles form,
and only one respectable run from three starts this term. Has scope for chasing
Barraburgh Boy: Second at Newcastle and Musseburgh before winning four-numer
race (at 1-2, by neck from Benker Count) at Catierick, all 2m on soft surface

VERDICT: Ballad Ministrel will be in demand after the bright start to his chasing

VERDICT: Beltad Minetrel will be in demand after the bright start to his chasing career and is clearly the one to beat. He has a definite-edge over ROSSEL and Barnburgh Boy on chase from but Rossel wee a better hurder and has been gradually getting the hang of things since his recent ewitch to the larger obstacles.

3.00 KILMANY CUP HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 26,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £4,065

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14th lower than at start of the season. Stable has been out of form
Belltyfine: 5-6, won four-runner race at Worcester (Sm. good to soft) in October. Creditable sectord last time, but this may prove an inadequate stamina test.

Any Port: Won at Partin (Sm. good to firm) in June and Dundalk (2m4t, good to soft) in September. Below form since, 20 higher here than her Partin mark.

Adaptable Condition to second contents to the condition of the con Adamatic: Good fast-ground performances at around 2met this season when win ning at Catterick and head second at Musselburgh. Early feller latest start. Timbucitooc Plumreting in weights with disappointing series over lest two years bendy's Gorsec 5th higher than when winning 5-thister race at Newcastle (2m4 heavy) from Burnt ling. Less testing conditions here are unfliely to suit him Jack Yeats: Now well handicapped on his 1997 intel efforts, but has shown deter orating form in four starts in Britain. Also unproven beyond 2m2! Salem Beacht: 33-1 and 11 bout of handicap, won over 3m here (good) 4 week ago by 11/s lengths. 3to higher, and much less of a chance on her previous form

VERDICT: There are questions over nearly all of these, either on grounds of well-being or their effectiveness under today's conditions. Adamatic is the one most lies-ty to run to form, but an alternative in MILUKEY PRINCE, who began it is season in events at Ascot and will should take advantage of his handicap mark at some stage.

3.30 LADBROKE NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £7,500 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £5,537

- 15 declared EETTING: 9-2 Mr Lurpak, 5-1 Bluden, 7-1 Chur Pet, 9-1 Bit O Magic, 10-1 On So Coop, Forty Lova,
Shardecks, Paris Pitcs, 12-1 Molitgan's Boy, Falcon Du Cotseu, 14-1 Reverse Charge, 16-1 Casual Call, 20-1 Desky Dente, 25-1 Kertiachile, 33-1 Ayeksowso
1998: Jitch Wildcard 10 17 4 E Callaghar 7-2 (J Houard Johnson) 12 ran

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Paris Pilies Irish bumper winner lest seeson (2º/m good) and placed over hurdles on soft ground. Stays well and had every chence approaching the final flight when 2nd of 30 to Captain Clooney at Punchestown (3m, heavy) lest morth Multigar's Boy. Maldan hurde where (3m, good to firm) in Irisand. First run for Howard Johnson and first since 3rd over hurdles at Roscommon (3m, good) in August Mr Lurpaic Dual bumper winner for Mary Reveley in 1937. Made a successful return after a 20-month absence over C&D (good) in December with Oh So Cosy 3rd (beatlers to Inngths). More to do here, but looks a useful prospect.

Bit O Magic: Was having his first rice for 7 months when whraing over C&D (good) here in December, but put up a slower time then Mr Lurpaic Charger, Maide hurdle winner at Market Resen (2m14) good to firm) in July. Outpaced after the 5th when 8th of 9 at Newcestle (2m, soft) lest time, but should be suited by this longer tru.

Oh So Cosy: Placed twice over C&D, but weekened 2 out when 3rd to Mr Lurpaic and Northern Union here lest time. Only 5th better for 15 lengths. Kerniscales Showed ability on her debut last season when 4th at Hexham (2m, soft). Has feited to confirm that promise and was beaten 48 lengths when 6th of 15 behind Carbury Cross over this trip (soft) lest month. Ayelmower: Pulled up on heavy going lest time, though appeared to act in testing conditions when 2rd to Culck March at Kelso (2º/m, heavy) in October. Plenty to do in first run in a handicap.

Bluttern: Feir form on Fist in reland. Has come up against teir novices Uniform and Simply Grited in lest 2 runs (both 2m, soft) and likely to be suited by this inip Casunal Calif. Disappointing over hurdles and could never go pace when distant 5th to Promiser Profile at Weitherby (2º/m, soft) lest week. Ferty Lowe Bought in for 4000prs after winning a selling handicap hurdle here (2m, good to soft) last month on first run for new yard. Tought ask of a 7th higher mark Faiton Du Cottaet: Showed first sign of ability last month when 4 FORM GUIDE

Dusky Dante: Little show on first 4 outings in bumpers and over hurdes, but promi-nent until 3 out when 7th of 13 to Swiftway over C&D (good to firm) last month. Wil re considerably to figure here

VERDICT: Inish challengers Paris Pike and Falcon Do Cotestr and Howard John-son's Import from across the water Madiligan's Boy make this hard to weigh up. Shutan looks on a trandy mark in his first handicap, but MR LURPAK may be a horse with a future. Many Reveley let him run in the 1997 Cheltanham bumper and though the had little to best when making a successful mappearance here in December he put up a much faster time than Sit O'Megle in the other division of that malden hurdle.



Florida Pearl beats Escartefigue at Cheltenham last March. The pair reoppose at Leopardstown on Sunday

race didn't take place, he could yet go straight to the Festival," Venetia Williams, the trainer, said yesterday. "He hasn't got to have a run."

Meanwhile, Lord Gyllene, the 1997 Grand National winner, heads the weights for the Singer & Friedlander National

fore Cheltenham and if that Trial at Uttoxeter on Saturday. Others declared include General Wolfe, Eudipe, Fiddling The Facts and Kendal Cavalier Leicester's meeting tomorrow is subject to a 9.15am inspection today. The course is

William Hill share offer, Business, page 17

4	.00	HADDINGTON NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) 25,000 added 3m Penalty Value 23,550
1		ARDRINA (DS) (CD) (L G M Racing) F Murphy 8 TI 11
2	F2:21P	NBCI DEE (38) (George Dilger) P Beaumont 9 11 10
3		TRIGGERFISH (27) (C) (Mrs M I Nisbel) P Montesth 7 11 10
4		BALLYBRIT (269) (D) (V Thompson) V Thompson 10 11 4
5		DOUBLE AGENT (27) (C) (Hertford Offset Limited) J Howard Johnson 6 11 4 D Parket
6	670005	LEGIBLE (13) (Mrs T Mcthagga) Ferguson (M) 11 11 4
7	S23P32	MANHATTAN RAINBOW (35) (Mrs C Kert) Mrs S Bractoure 8 11 4 July M Bractourne (3)
8		SILVER PEARL (11) (Miss L Wood) J Barday 8 11 4 R McGrath
9		SMITHS WYND (26) (A Shels R Shels 7 11 4
	_	- 9 declared -
BE	TING: 11	8 Arthina, 11-4 Miki Dee, 5-1 Double Agent, 6-1 Manhattan Rainbow, 8-1 Triggerlish,

0-1 Bellytert, 25-1 Legible, 33-1 Silver Pearl, 50-1 Sreithe Wynd 998: Master Bexerd 10 11 10 A Dobbin 6-1 (P Monteith) 12 ran FORM GUIDE

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Ardrina: Has taken well to fences and drew clear 2 out when beating Manhartan. Rainbow 7 lengths over C&D (good) test month. Had plenty in hand and should have sittle to fear from the runner-up who is only 51b better in Nilld Dea: Reported to have gurgled when pulled up at Kempton (\$m, good to soft) lest time. Betted on garnely when winning at Wetherby (2½m, good) in December from Foundry Lane (winner since) and sound chance on that form Triggerflish: Gradually getting the hang of fences after a shally start. Held on by a neck when winning here (2½m, good to soft) last month by a neck from Double Agent, who reopposes on 16b better terms
Bebybrit: Won triat point-to-point in 1998. Failed to finish in his first 3 point-to-points here lest season, but made all in a restricted at Aspetriz (3½m, good) in Mey. Unlikely to be good enough
Double Agent: Having only his 2nd outing over fences when a neck 2nd to Triggerflish here (2½m, good to soft) last month. Looks sure to turn that form around over this longer trip as he is 16b better off
Legible: Won over hundles for Stan Mellor in 1997. Has been running over hundles and fences in Ireland and stayed on at one pace when 5th of 18 to Broguestown Breaze at Down Royal (2½m, heavy) last month.
Manhattan Brandy: Could make no impression on the winner from 5 out when 2nd to Ardrina over C&D (good) last month. Hung left after two out and is only 5tb better off
Silver Pearls-Poor from over hundles and no impressment over fences. Soon struc-

VERDICT: ADRINA was rated higher than this field over hurdles and it looks like she will also prove more than their match over fences. Successful in two of her three novice chasses so far, she made her stamina tell when kicked clear five out here last time when his stayed on strongly to beat filenhalitan Rainbow by a comfortable seven lengths. The latter's 5to pull does not look nearly enough and Nild Dee should

4.30 TYNE WATER HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3m Penalty Value £2,827

1	11/4P0	LIMO (USA) (15) (The Low Piyers (Thoroughbreds) Ltd) A Diction 8 11 10
2		TRUMP (18) (CD) (& Mrs Raymond Anderson Green) C Parter 10 ft 9
8	2-1056	PRELUDE TO FAME (USA) (18) (Jumbo Racog Club) Miss K Miligan 6 to 9F Leaky
4		MY SHENANDOAH (16) (C) (Peter Gormley) J Howard Johnson B 11 9
5	1-4P65	BRIDLE PATH (18) (D) (Fied Wison) T Easterby 8 to 12
6	13-5453	FRISH WILDCARD (18) (C) (Peter Gamley) J Howard Johnson 11 10 10 M Horrocks (S
7	-32405	TOPOTHENORTHRACING (25) (CD) (The Fourice Twenty) P Beaumont 9 to 9R Suppl
8	2800F0	COMPLADE CHINNERY (13) (Fied Nects Racing Club) A.J Martin (Irl) 6 to 7 A Maguit
9		I'M THE MAIN (18) (A Stack) Mrs D Sayer 8 105
10	/POSFP	SCRIBBLER (31) (Jame Alexander) J Barctay 13 10 3
Ħ		D'ARBLAY STREET (ZZ) (Green For Luck) W Kamp 10 10 0 B Powe
12	43-108	SUNTRISE SENSATION (26) (R McDonald) R McDonald 6 to 0 W Dowling (S
13		RUBER (31) (D) (R W Thomson) R Thomson 12 to 0
14	004POP	SHEPPARDON (52) (Mrs B Xearney) I Ferguson 7 10 0
		= 14 declared =
М	inimum weig	ght: 10at. True handicap weights: Survise Sensetion 9st 12to, Ruber 9st 8tb, Shappardo

assists.
BETTING: 2-1 My Shenendoeb, 7-2 fm The Man, 6-1 Topothenorthracing, 8-1 Bridle Path, 10-1 Mah Wildcard, Prelude To Fierre, 12-1 Ruber, 16-1 Suprise Senestion, 20-1 Livia, 25-1 others 1998: Topothenorthracing 8 10 8 A Dobbin 5-1 (P Beaumort) 10 ran FORM GUIDE

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Trump: Course specialist and 6 times a winner here, but on the downgrade. Soon struggling when 8th to Contratine (My Shenandosh 2nd) over C&D (soft) last month and only 6th better off with the numer-up for over 70 lengths. Protode 16 Femet: Seems best at distances up to 2½m. Outpaced siter 4 out when 6th to Contratine (My Shenandosh 2nd) over C&D (soft) last month and binkered for the first time. My Shenandosh 2nd) over C&D (soft) last month and binkered for the first time. My Shenandosh: Likes this course and has won 3 times here over C&D (soft) last month. Hes been raised 4th, but this better ground should help him to stay the hip Bridse Path: Stayed on to finish 5th to Contratine over C&D (soft) last month. Hes been raised 4th, but this better ground should help him to stay the hip Bridse Path: Stayed on to finish 5th to Contratine over C&D (soft) last month had has an 8th put for 15 lengths with My Shenandosh (2nd). On a 6th lower mark than when winning at Ayr 8m, good to soft) last season, but none too reliable Irlish Wildcard: Has yet to recepture last season item, though ran his best race for some time when 3rd in a selling handcap hurdle over 2m here (good to soft) last month. Dropping down the handcap hurdle over 2m here (good to soft) last month. Dropping down the handcap hurdle over 2m here (good to soft) last month. Dropping down the handcap and outside chance. Report of soft last month when sone and at Market Resen (am, soft) last month. Probably better on this fester ground and 3th lower than when winning the race last year.

Comrade Chismery: Won once (2m hicas batt at Down Royal (2 mm tow chase, heavy) First The Market Resen (am, soft) last month. Probably better on this fester sound as a classer and when within a finish start at Down Royal (2 mm tow chase, heavy). First The Market Resen (as 2 bp all

and the tries trip for the first time. Ruber: Quite consistent in long distance selling hundles and acts on any going. Re-spectable 3rd at Ayr (3m, heavy) last time when fills out of the handicap, but is 10th higher than when winning at Sedgefield (3m3f, good to soft) in November. Sheppardon: Unplaced in 10 outrigs over hundles in leatend, the lasts when pulled up at Navan (21/am, heavy) in December. Placed once in 4 outrigs in Irish point-to-

VERDICT: This should concern MY SHENANDOAH and I'm The Man. They finished second and third behind Contraffire on soft ground over the course and distance last month when My Shenandoah was caught near the finish and beaten a neck. In The Men is 25 better off for a length and a next, but My Shenandoah will have a better chance of getting the trip on this taster going.

Malta shines while Boxer hits canvas

ry over Go Ballistic, with See

out in a novices' handicap

Lady Rebecca became

favourite for the Stayers' Hur-

dle after her 20-lengths tri-

umph in the Grade One Cleeve

Hurdle, while Hors La Loi III

boosted his Triumph Hurdle

prospects with an impressive

31/-length victory over Behra-

jan, the Tolworth (Novices')

Hurdle winner, in the Finesse

Hurdle. However, François

Doumen's four-year-old is also

chase on the same card.

CYFOR MALTA did his Chel-ANTE-POST tenham Gold Cup claims no harm with a four-length victo-

BY IAN DAVIES

More Business six lengths back in third, in the Pillar Chase at entered for the Supreme Cheltenham on Saturday. But Novices' Hurdle and Royal & Unsinkable Boxer, his stable-SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle mate, looks a dodgy Gold Cup at the Festival. bet after coming a cropper two

Doumen has also entered the dual Flat winner Quel Senor unraced to date over hurdles, in the Triumph Hurdle and the Supreme Novices' Hurdle. His compatriot François Rohaut has put Cyros, twice successful over hurdles in France. in the Triumph, while the Cologne-based trainer Christian Von Recke has Desert in the Triumph Hurdle and San Suru in the Supreme Novices'.

Tomorrow: Saturday's Sandown Handicap Hurdle

Horse (Trainer, weight)	Cornel	Wan H	Ladhrolas	Stanley	Tot
Testation (C Notobors9%7b)	3-1	52	3-1	17-4	
Wateha Sanda (M Pipe; Tathih)	41	41	5- 1	92	1
Nomadie (N Meade (In)/10st3lb)	14-1	16-1	34-1	34.1	16-
Strarplant (N Henderson/Det/fb)	15-1	14.1	34-1	14-1	¥
Biowing Wind (Al Pipe/11st4fb)	14-1	26-1	20-1	14.1	15
Chal-Yo (J Clid/10st1lb)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-
Decoupage (C Egenton,Ssi8ts)	14-1	20-1	15-1	151	16
Polar Prospect (P Hobbs SuSb)	Б1	26-1	5 1	30-1	20.

Horse (Trainer)	Coral			Series	Tol
His Song (M Morrs/ri)	51	5-1	5 1	11-2	11-
Trasor De Mei (M Pipe)	9-1	6-1	7-1	71	;
Kurakta (J Gillon)	12-1	X 3-1	10 -7	101	7-
Potentate (M Pipe)	12-1	G -1	12-1	12-1	t)
Pagetrip Uberalles(P Nichols)	14-1	10-1	12-1	[2:1	T
Agtawadda Gold (T'(ate)	14-1	12:1	16-1	£1	•
Darwn Leader (J Cld)	21	12-1	16-1	2:1	10
Gris D'Estruvel (M Pipe)	11-1	24	14-1	14-7	78-
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Horse (Fizaret)	Comi	Wan Hill	Lachroles	Stanley	Toba
latabraq (A O'Brien/It)	1-2	4-7	47	1-2	J-13
French Holly (F Murphy)	10-1	7-1	8-1	9 -1	8-
Tistatur (D Nicholson)	15-1	15-1	151	20-1	20-
Elipsing Wind (M Pipe)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	25-
Date Star (J M Jeferson)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-
Grey Shot (# Balding)	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-
Happy Change (Miss V Williams)	25-1	16-1	25-1	16-1	20-
Tm Supposin (R Rose)	61	25-1	20-1	20-1	25-

Home (Tainer)	Comi		Lathroles	Stacley	Tok
Olmect Route (J.H. Johnson)	41	4-7	9-2	41	94
Ask Tom (T Tale)	7-1	7-1	6-1	7-1	6-
Edredon Bleu (Miss H Kright)	6-1	7-1	61	61	8-
Call Equitions (P Nichols)	8-1	6 -1	8-1	7-1	8-
Lake Karibe (P Nicholis)	12-1	10-1	12-1	12-1	12-
Mandy's Mantino (J Giford)	19 -1	10-1	12-1	11-1	Ð
HEEL Society (H Meade/ht)	10-1	141	12-1	12-1	14
Khairon Danda (A Moorefri)	12-1	10-1	20-1	12-1	16-
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QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (2m)

Horse (Trainer)	Comi	With Hill		Starte
Nick Dundee (E OGradyAri)	41	41	31	74
Majados (M Fipe)	8-1	7-1	7-1	7.
Kadou Norentals (O Sherwood)	10-1	16-1	10-1	10-
Gris D'Estrevel (M Pipe)	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-
Lord Of The River (O Sherwood)	12-1	1 5-1	12-1	10-
Spendid (D Nicholson)	12-1	11-1	10-1	8-
Tresor De Mai (M Pipe)	dadddd	16-1	16-1	16-
Meribarough (H Daly)	20-1	16-1	\$4-1	16-1
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181	UMFA	HURDLE	(2111 11)		
Horse (Traner)	Coral	Wo HB	Lativolae	Stanley	Pole
Katarino (N Henderson)	6-1	6-1	7-1	8-1	6-1
Hors La Loi # (F Doumen/Fr)	10-1	9-1	8-1	8-1	7-1
Knille Edge (M O'Brienfri)	10-1	10-1	12-1	13-1	10-1
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How it always ends in tears

The reigns of England football managers have invariably ended in acrimony. Phil Shaw takes the history lesson



1946-63

IN THE modern era, Winterbottom's reign would surely not have survived England's World Cup defeat by the United States in 1950. The one-time teacher and Manchester United half-back stayed a further 13 years, doubling as FA director of coaching. However, he merely coached and organised a side picked by a selection committee containing club chairmen and FA backwoodsmen. Some players felt he was too academic and complained about 90-minute team talks (although Ron Greenwood described him as the "instigator of all new ideas in English football"). Press relations were increasingly poor and he stepped down after a spate of "Winterbottom must go" headlines.

RECORD: Played 139, won 78, drawn 33, lost 28 World Cup 1950 (Brazil): England eliminated in group

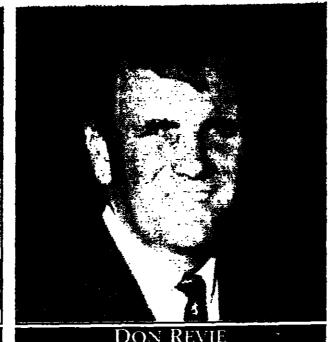
World Cup 1954 (Switzerland): England knocked out by Uruguay in the quarter-finals.

World Cup 1958 (Sweden): England eliminated after losing a play-off game to the Soviet Union. World Cup 1962 (Chile): England beaten by eventual winners Brazil in the quarter-finals.



THE MANAGER who delivered England the Jules Rimet Trophy was dismissed after eight years of relative failure in its afmath. Ramsey was rarely at ease with the media, famously rebuffing two reporters who asked how he felt the day after the triumph over West Germany: "Gentlemen, this is my day off." The single-mindedness which initially served the team well became perceived as aloomess and intransigence - "We have nothing to learn from Brazil," he remarked in 1970 - while his teams were increasingly condemned as dull and negative. Press clamour for his demise following failure to qualify for the '74 World Cup was satisfied when the FA sacked him on May Day.

P113, W69, D27, L17
World Cup 1966 (England): England win the World Cup, beating West Germany at Wembley 4-2 after extra time.
European Championship 1968 (Italy): England are knocked out by Yugoslavia at the semi-final stage, but win the third place play-off match 2-0 against the Soviet Union.
World Cup 1970 (Mexico): England knocked out 3-2 by Germany in the quarter-finals After failing to qualify for the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany.



"DON READIES", as his alleged motivation by money led to his being dubbed at Leeds, enjoyed a brief honeymoon with a media grateful for a fresh face after Ramsey's reign. But mutual suspicion and hostility, which simmered during a shambolic attempt to reach the 1978 World Cup finals, boiled over when it emerged that Revie had fixed himself up with a lucrative deal in Dubai and given the exclusive on his defection to one newspaper (reputedly for £15,000). Revie, who even tried to negotiate a pay-off from the England job on the grounds that the pressure on him-self and his family had become intolerable, had an FA ban slapped on him, while one tabloid claimed he had fixed matches

P29, W14, D8, L7 Failed to qualify for 1978 World Cup finals.



A FRIEND of Winterbottom's, Greenwood also provided three key men to Ramsey's world-beating line-up. Despite being pushed upstairs" at West Ham, he was seen as having the necessary dignity (vital after the Revie saga) and an advocate of a more "Continental" style by an FA international committee which was under pressure to appoint Brian Clough. Led England to European Championship finals in 1980, with modest results, while the side started well at the ensuing World Cup before fizzling out. Media criticism was not as strident as that of his successors, yet "sickening" enough in 1981 for him to tell the players he was quitting. They persuaded him to stay and he retired a year later.

European Championship (Italy) 1980: England knocked out at the group stage. World Cup 1982 (Spain): England eliminated at the second stage.



Bobby Robson

1982-90 FOR A genial man who had two respectable tilts at the World Cup, Robson endured periods of personalised vilification from press

and public alike. Jimmy Greaves, an ex-England colleague, suggested that the "no-holds barred attack" by the tabloids "could not have been more vicious if he'd been a mass murderer". Brian Clough and even Alf Ramsey joined in, but Robson persevered and built a team around the talents of Lineker, Pearce, Beardsley, Waddle et al. On the eve of Italia 90, burid reports detailing alleged sexual peccadilioes prompted him to announce he would leave after the finals. "It's a disgrace," he said. "They're trying to sell papers off my back by being sensational."

P95, W47, D29, L19 World Cup 1986 (Mexico): defeated against Argentina ('the hand of God').

European Championship 1988 (Germany): Knocked out

World Cup 1990 (Italy): Knocked out on penalties against Germany In the semi-finals, and England lose their thirdplace play-off match against Italy.



1990-94

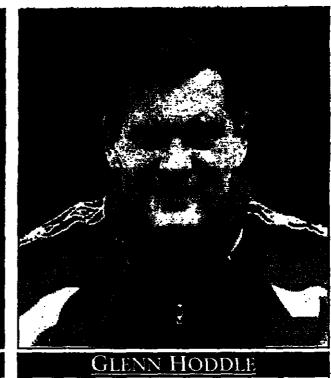
TAYLOR GREW up around football journalists, his father being a long-serving scribe, and while with Aston Villa he built a reputation for being articulate, affable and eminently quotable, if a little verbose. However, attributes viewed as pluses in the Midlands were seen as irritants by the London-based correspondents covering England, especially after he fell out with Gary Lineker during the Euro 92 fiasco. One paper memorably nicknamed him "The Turnip", and the negative image was compounded by an expletive-ridden TV documentary. His press conferences turned into confrontations and it was a tormented figure who resigned after England missed out on USA 94.

P38. W18, D13, L7 European Championship 1992 (Sweden): Knocked out in Failed to qualify for 1994 World Cup finals.

TERRY VENABLES

BY COMPARISON with his predecessors, and with Hoddle, Venables was a consummate media manipulator, armed with a ready quip as well as the requisite tactical knowledge which Taylor's critics argued he lacked. Appointed despite the FA's awareness of his tangled business affairs, he was undone not by bad results or harrassment by the red-top papers but by a long-running legal spat with Spurs' owner, Alan Spgar. When the head of the international committee, Noel White, intimated that he did not have the FA's backing over his determination to pursue litigation, Venables announced he would go after Euro 96. Ironically, like Robson he then took England desperately close to a final.

P23, W12, D9, L2 . European Championship finals 1996 (England): Defeated on penalties against Germany In semi-finals.



1996-??

WHEN HODDLE'S boots did the talking, few players were more articulate. But, like Taylor, his reign has foundered as much as by his foot-in-mouth utterances as by patchy performances. Though his stock was high after England reached France 98, they fared no better in the finals than Paraguay or Chile. He claimed they would have won the World Cup had they beaten Argentina, and that his one mistake was not taking faith-healer Eileen Drewery. The media came to disdain this inability to admit errors the also said Michael Owen was "not a natural finisher"), as well as what they saw as overbearing self-importance and pretentious theorising about karma and reincarnation.

W17, D4, L7 World Cup finals 1998 (France): Defeated on penalties against Argentina in second round. Statistics include defeats on penalties.

IAAF's world indoor plan under attack

ATHLETICS

THE Great Britain selectors yesterday named the first 13 athletes to compete in the World

Indoor Championships in Mae-bashi, Japan, on 5 to 7 March. But the UK performance di-rector, Max Jones, said he is unhappy that tough qualification criteria in the field events will deny up-and-coming athletes the chance to gain valuable experience. "The International Amateur Athletic Federation... want straight finals in the field events with just eight or nine athletes competing. I think

it's a flawed plan," he said. Substantial additions to the team are likely to be made at the final selection meeting on

24 February. The former Olympic decathlon champion Daley Thompson heads a group of "golden oldies" who are set to make a track comeback in a 60m sprint challenge at the Bupa Indoor Grand Prix at Birmingham on 14 February. GB squad, Digest, page 23

Ronaldo thinking of home

BRAZIL

RONALDO WANTS to return home when he finishes playing for his Italian club, Internazionale, the Brazilian World Cup striker said in Barcelona

"When I finish my contract with Inter I will return to Brazil because I have already played five years in Europe," Ronaldo said. He was in Barcelona for the presentation of the Fifa World Player of The Year award, an accolade he won in 1996 and 1997.

Ronaldo has a five-year contract with Inter, which ends in 2002. He previously played a season in Spain for Barcelona and before that had two campaigns with the Dutch club, PSV Eindhoven.

The boy from Rio's slums has found homesickness a problem during his time in Europe. He was frequently criticised during his spell at Barcelona for regular trips back to Brazil, most notably for the Rio carnival, returning



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jet-lagged and unable to give his best in subsequent games. This season Ronaldo has also struggled with injuries, particularly to his knees. "I suffered a little after the World Cup and I'm still suffering but I think I will return to playing like I did before," he said.

Ronaldo will be back in the Catalan capital later this year - but it may be against his wishes. Barcelona are due to face Brazil in their Nou Camp stadium on 28 April 28 part of their centenary celebrations. While Barcelona are high-

ly delighted to be playing the Five players, including the match, Brazil will play it after being pressured to do so by their sponsors, Nike. The American sportswear company are also the sponsors of away from home.

Brazil's coach, Wanderley Luxemburgo, sounded less than enthusiastic about the game last week. "I don't like playing against club sides, but this match was imposed upon us by Nike," he said.

It is not the first time that Nike's relationship with Brazil has caused waves. There was widespread speculation last July that the company had put pressure on the Brazilian team management to play an unwell Ronaldo in the World Cup final against France, but the allegation was strongly denied by Nike officials.

MEXICO

FOURTEEN PLAYERS were sent off in eight games on Sunday in some stormy Mex-

Mexican international Luis Hernandez, were dismissed as UNL, better known as Tigres. beat eight-man Morelia 3-2

FRANCE

THE CANNES goalkeeper, Sebastien Chabbert, was under observation in hospital yesterday after being struck on the head by a missile thrown from the crowd during Saturday's French Second Division derby game with Nice.

The match was abandoned with Nice winning 1-0 after Chabbert was felled by the object hurled from the visitors' section full of Nice fans. As he lay on the ground clutching his head a firework exploded next to him. He suffered concussion

and loss of memory.
Missiles thrown on to the pitch included two pairs of scissors, iron bars, stones, fireworks, two mobile telephones and a solid lead ball used in the game of petanque.

Police probe assault on Chester's physio

TEMPERS ARE still inflamed after Sunday's abandonment of the Budweiser League game between Chester Jets and Derby Storm, which was halted after 28 seconds following a players'

Chester police confirmed that they are investigating an alleged assault on the Jets' physiotherapist, Alison Troughtman, while the club's chairman demanded a lifetime ban on Derby's England inter-national Yorick Williams.

A police spokesman said: "The physio was apparently assaulted and taken to hospital with a suspected broken jaw, but later released." An allegation of assault against her will be investigated, but no inter-

views have yet taken place. The Basketball League and English Basketball Association are holding an inquiry to consider the worst outbreak of violence in the history of senior today. The association's discipli-National League basketball in England, which began in 1972. The League have asked Derby for their video of the incident.

BY RICHARD TAYLOR The Chester chairman, Joe

Lofthouse, said: "A player gets a lifetime ban if he hits a referee. Is it any less serious if a player runs hits a physio?" The incident began with a fight on court between Williams

and Chester's Shawn Hartley. It restarted when Williams was told that he and team-mate Rico Alderson and Chester's Hartley and Prentice McGruder were

being ejected from the game. The ensuing brawl resulted in all the players being disqualified and the game was aban-doned by the officials, Richard Stokes and John Mumford.

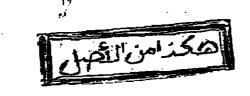
Stokes is again the official when Derby visit Thames Valley Tigers tomorrow night. The Derby coach, Bob Donewald, is suspended unless he appeals nary officer is also ruling on a charge against Donewald, after alleged incidents against Birmingham Bullets 10 days ago.

Mauresmo says Hingis is 'stupid'

AMELIE MAURESMO has de-scribed Martina Hingis as "stupid" for making remarks about her build. The muscular French-woman beat world No 1 Lindsay Davenport in the semi-finals in Melbourne last week before losing to Hingis in the final.

Remarks by Davenport and Hingis that the 19-year-old "played like a man" led to much coverage, particularly after the French player announced that she was a lesbian. But Davenport later said she admired the teenager and insisted she had been referring to Mauresmo's style of play. Mauresmo said that Hingis' reported comments were an "unpleasant joke".

Hingis reportedly said that Mauresmo was "half a man". comments she later denied. But Mauresmo said: "Perhaps she just said it for a laugh, without thinking, but the next day she wasn't very clear either in saying that I played like a man. It was stupid of her."



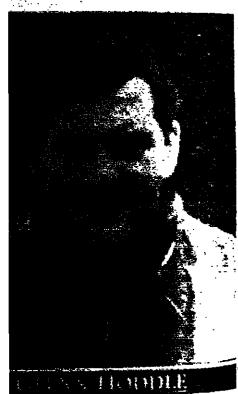
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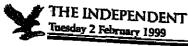
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Wales call up the boy from nowhere

GRAHAM HENRY may be the most extravagantly rewarded rugby coach in the world, but BY CHRIS HEWETT £250,000 a year is scant consolation when you have to put up with the great and good of the Weish Rugby Union. No sooner had the quick-witted New Zealander announced his side to play Scotland at Murrayfield in this weekend's opening round of ligned grey-suiters were thrash-Matthew Robinson of Swansea

has suddenly appeared from

claim a place on the wing - than

RUGBY UNION

the whole future of the game in the country went on the line at an emergency meeting of the WRU general committee.

Glanmor Griffiths, the WRU chairman, and his much ma-Five Nations matches - ingout a final response to plans for a new Anglo-Welsh competition next season. Griffiths had the back end of nuwhere to originally insisted that 10 Welsh teams should be involved - the

10-year loyalty agreement with the WRU, plus the rebel hordes of Cardiff and Swansea - but the from Murrayfield duty. English begged to differ. Their

Welsh clubs and preferably two. Henry, who wants to see four élite Welsh clubs and a full British league with all mod cons, is an enormously influential figure, but he may not prove quite influential enough to force the WRU into a mutually beneficial compromise. Besides, he had

eight existing domestic enough problems of his own ing Chris Wyatt in what now ap-Premiership sides who signed a yesterday as he attempted to pears a worryingly lightweight minimise the damage caused by Craig Quinnell's withdrawal

The Richmond lock damaged proposal? No more than four a knee during last Tuesday night's Allied Dunbar Premiership match with Leicester and declared himself out of the running over the weekend. Ian Gough, the young Pontypridd forward notoriously punched senseless by Ebbw Vale's Mark Jones earlier in the season, will win his second cap by partnerAs if to compensate for the

loss of Quinnell's muscle, Henry has beefed up the rest of his tight five by dropping the props who struggled so badly against Argentina before Christmas, Andrew Lewis and Chris Anthony and pairing the gifted young Swansea loose-head, Darren Morris, with the old Cardiff warhorse, David Young. But it was the promotion of the 25-yearold Robinson, a former Somer-

set cricketer, that captured the imagination of a rugby public desperate for tangible success after the close shave with South Africa in November.

"Yes, Mark has come from nowhere, but he's been scoring tries and has done enough to win a vote of confidence," said the coach yesterday. Henry had toyed with the idea of running one of his high-quality centres, Allan Bateman or Mark Taylor, out of position in the absence of Gareth Thomas, but he finally decided to stick with the known

to make, but in the end I thought I'd be asking too much of Allan or Mark to shift out wide. I really don't like moving people around at this level."

Across the Severn in England, the five London clubs still left in the Tetiey's Bitter Cup generally managed to avoid each other in the draw for the quarter-finals. Wasps and London Irish will lock horns at Loftus Road over the weekend of 28 February, but the other three were granted respite from the peculiar presthough Richmond face a tough task at home to Leicester.

Richmond's home advantage over Leicester may not prove too decisive, given the Tigers comprehensive victory a week ago. Harlequins, however, will fancy their chances of a last four place. admittedly, they must travel to Gloucester, but Kingshokm does not frighten anyone these days. Saracens, the holders, have a far more awkward task at Newcastle, where their Premiership challenge went west last season.

Wigan face trip away to Leeds

LAST SEASON'S two best teams, Leeds and Wigan, will meet at the first opportunity in this

year's Silk Cut Challenge Cup. The mangural Super League Grand Finalists were drawn together in the fourth round last night, with last year's Cup winners, the Sheffield Eagles, also facing a tough task at Salford, the side they beat in the Cup

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan's coach, John Monie, does not believe that beating Leeds at Old Trafford in the last game of 1998, will have a big influence on this tie. "We would all prefer to draw someone other than them, especially in

Sailor heads home to his favoured code

WENDELL SAILOR is heading back to Australia having enjoyed his rugby union experience - but he is still keen to return to league.

The big Queenslander collected 15 tries in 13 appearances for Leeds Tykes, ending his three-month spell with the Premiership Two club in their 49-0 trouncing by Leicester at Welford Road on Saturday.

Starved of possession standing by the touchline, Sailor would have been forgiven if his thoughts turned to resuming his Super League career with Brisbane Broncos. "I have really enjoyed my in-

and the next step is to play in the First Division." Sailor said.

"Leicester were a hugely different side to any other I came across and it would be good to test myself against that standard every week – but I will have to see how things develop with the Broncos this sea-The Tigers coach, Dean

Richards, admitted after Saturday's game that his side had spent some time talking about the threat Sailor would pose. and added: "He is a player of huge potential." However Sailor's expres-

sion as he headed back to the land of his birth suggested that the 13-a-side game is the one he really loves.

"I can't wait to get back to Brisbane and start playing union code, he will be remem-league again," he said. "I bered fondly in Leeds.

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played a couple of games for Leeds at Christmas but I didn't really get into it, but I have plenty to aim for this season.

We are the defending Super League champions and, when you are at the top, the only way you can go is down," Sailor plenty of people waiting for me

"I have to prove the doubters." wrong - and I have also set my troduction to rugby union. I've the end of the season. After tradition. We like eight ex-

> vert also offered his opinion on the differences between the two sports and the difficulties he had adapting to the 15-man game. "As a winger in league you are involved all the time but tire game not doing a great deal," Sailor said. "But it is far easier to score tries in league than it is in union. If you beat a couple of players in league you have a clear run to the line, in union there are another couple of blokes waiting to nail you.

> "There are big differences in certain aspects of play but good union teams can make sure you never get the ball that doesn't happen in league." One thing is for sure - even if Sailor does not return to the

> > BOXING

Fernando Ibarra, of Texas, remained in a critical condition last night after sustaining brain injuries during his junior flyweight bout with Ratanachai Vorapin of Thailand last Friday. Ibarra fell hard to the canvas after taking a punch to the jaw. The referee stopped the contest and Ibarra walked back to the dressingmon before losing consciousness.

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"I rather enjoy going to Headingley and I think the players do as well. There was nothing in all the games between the two teams last year. and there is no reason to think that it will be any different this year," he added.

John Kear, coach of Sheffield, the holders, expects Salford to try to exact revenge for their controversial defeat in the semi-final last time.

"It's a tough old draw for us. Andy Gregory and his boys will be highly motivated and focused because they felt very hard done by in that semifinal," he said. There is one other all-Super

League encounter between Castleford and Hull but much of the attention will concentrate on the surviving small fry. Leigh Miners-Rangers, the one added. "I'm sure there will be amateur side to beat professional opposition in the third to fall down and blame it on the round, have been rewarded fact that I played union during with a home draw against Hull KR.

"A draw at home is everything we wanted," said their sights on making the Queens- coach, Ian Taylor. "It's a fanland team for the State of Ori- tastic draw. The main thing gin matches and also for was to be at home, and Hull KR Australia in the Tri-Nations at are a big name with a proud cup managed to score a few tries that, I might be abit tired professional players in our The latest cross-code con- team, and they've been in this position before. It's not an impossible task."

Featherstone Lions, who beat Hemel Hempstead, are at home to Halifax, while Doncaster, who beat Oldham St in union you can spend an en- Annes in extra time after embarrassing confusion over whether there would be a replay, go to London Broncos. The Broncos have released their new prop, Marty McKenzie, who has yet to play a game for them because he needs a back operation.

Greg McCallum League's controller of referees, has launched an inquiry into why neither side nor the referee, Russell Smith, knew about the new rule requiring ties to be settled at the first attempt. "I can promise that it will not happen again," he said.

The World Boxing Council mid-dleweight champion, Hassini Cher-

Iff. who was to defend his title

Saturday night in a rematch against the bout after suffering a back injury in his final sparring session in France. Keith Holmes, has withdrawn from

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Police wrestle the heckler to the ground during the Phoenix Open. The man was later arrested after a gun was found in his bag

Woods heckled by fan with gun

A SPECTATOR who heckled Tiger Woods during the Phoenix Open at the weekend was arrested after police discovered a handgun concealed in a bag he wore around his waist, PGA officials revealed

yesterday. The fan was identified by police as Brian Murphy, 40, of Phoenix, who had been following the final threesome of Woods tournament winner Rocco Mediate and Harrison Frazar during Sunday's final round. Police said Murphy was yelling at Woods and using abu-

sive language. He continued to

GOLF BY MEL REISNER in Phoenix, Arizona

do so even though he was told

to quieten down by a plainclothes police officer "The guy... started using

abusive language and then hunged at the officer." Scottsdale police spokesman Doug Dirren told the PGA. "The guy was yelling, What are you going to do? Arrest me?' and the officer had to subdue him by putting him on the ground."

Murphy was arrested on

was apparently not aware the man was armed and at no time did he brandish the weapon in any way, police said. Mediate won the \$3 million

(£1.8m) tournament by two shots from Justin Leonard. Woods finished three behind the

Mediate conquered his nerves and two of golf's most dangerous finishers, shooting an unspectacular par-71 which was enough to seal victory. He started six strokes ahead of

Tiger Woods and seven ahead

and disorderly conduct. Woods final round and managed to tension in 1996, and crowned a maintain the lead despite successful year with a sixth-Leonard closing to within two shots and Woods three. Leonard carded a final-round 66, matching the best of the tournament on a tough Scottsdale course. Woods shot 68.

> It was Mediate's third title in 13 years on the US tour. He also won the French Open in 1992. His first victory was at Doral in 1991 and he followed that with victory at Greensboro in 1993 before back surgery interrupted his run of success. He returned to the American tour

suspicion of aggravated assault of Justin Leonard going into the under a special medical explace tie in Phoenix that allowed him to regain full playing privileges.

> The winner's purse of \$540,000 - double what Mediate won at Greensboro – boosted bim to third in the order of merit David Daval who earned more than \$1m while winning his first two tournaments, failed to capitalise on the 66 he shot on Saturday and was never in the picture. He struggled to his second 74 of the week and finished up at one over par.

SPORTING DIGEST

FOOTBALL

Brazil have announced a two-legged rematch against their World Cup semi-final opponents, the Netherlands for the coming summer and autumn. The first game will be held aurumn. The inst game win be nead in the north-eastern Brazilian city of Salvador in early June, with a return match in Amsterdam in October. The losing World Cup finalists will also play lunisia on 30 April, two days after an exhibition match against Barcelona, and travel to Australia for the instrument of the property of the prope two internationals in November. A match against New Zealand may be

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FA CARLSBERG WASE gameter-lined draws Eauton fown v Igmington & New Milton; Twerton Town v Citheroe: Woodbridge Town V Thame Lut: Bedington Verlers v Workington. (Ties to be played Saturday 20 February).

The Estoril Open was added to the 1999 European Tour schedule yes-1999 European Tour schedule yesterday, glving Portugal a third event on the calendar. The new tournament will be held at Penha Longa. Lisbon, from 15 to 18 April, with prize-money of £395,000 on offer. PHOENIX OPEN (Artzona) Landing final round scores (US unless stated): 273 R Mediate 59 67 66 71: 275 J Leonard 67 75 67 66: 276 T Woods 71 67 70 68: 279 H Sutton 69 70 71 69: 280 B Glasson 69 71 70 70; 282 K Wentworth 72 72 71 67. J Furyk 72 69 70 71. K Perry 72 70 68 72, H Frazar 74 69 65 73: 283 D Hert 75 70 70 68 5 Cink 74 69 71 69 74, Ochara: 284 J Parnevik (Swe) 71 71 73 69

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Barnet (2.0).

Oldham Athletic v Burnley (7.0). Secon Divisions Rotherham Utd v Bradford Cit (2.0): Stockport County v Wreshar (2.0). Third Divisions Halifest Town Wigan Athletic (2.0).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated FA CUP

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FOURTH-ROUND REPLAY NATIONALIDE LEAGUE Brentford v Carlisle (7.45) ... AUTO WINDSCREENS SHEELD

NORTHERN SECTION SOUTHERN SECTION QUARTER-PINAL Sournemouth v Miliwaii (7.45) ...

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION Forfar v Clyde

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Hampton. Third round: Hitchin Town v Romford (7.45), Vandanel Trophy

DR MARTENS LEAGUE Midland Di-vision: Biowich Town v Stafford Rayn v Folkestone Invicta (7,45), League Cap second round: Shepshed Dynamo v Bal-dock Town, Second-round replay: Bur-ton Albion v Atherstone Utd. Taked round: Withby Town v Dorchester Town, roande Wintey Town v Dorchester Town.

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Leatherhead v Canvey Island. Second Division: Bracknell Town v Hungerford
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Bedford Town (7.45); Taird Division:
Aveley v Ware (7.45); Corinthian Ossials v Ford Utd (7.45); Poppa Cap second rostnot Chesham Utd v Dagenham
& Redbridge (7.45); Worthing v Aldershot Town (7.45); Dulwich Hamlet v
Hampton, Third roand: Hitchin Town

NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE First Division: Nativich Town v Maine Road, Floodie Trophy first round sec-ond leg: Atherton Colleries v Warring-ton Town. STONLEAD KENT LEAGUE Pre-Division: Faversham Town v Canmier Division: Faversham Town v Can-terbury City; Hythe v Thamesmead; Whitstable Town v Tunbridge Wells; Lordswood v VCD Athletic.

UNLIFET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE Part Division: Chichester City v Wick; Hailsham Town v Eastbourne Utd; Ring-mer v Hassocks. SCREMFIX DERECT LEAGUE Premier Division: Backwell v Elmore; Bridgwa-ter v Bideford; Bristol Manor Farm v Man-

BYTERLINE EXPRESS Middand Football Alliance Boldmert St Michaels v Oldbury Urd.

Sports v Bernerton Heath Harlequins; Rare-ham v Gosport Borough; Thacham v New-bury. League Cap quarter-boar first leg: Lymingron & New Milton v Wimborne. JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Division (7.45): By v Newmarket, Wros-ham v Great Yarmouth.

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Merthyr v Yondu
Rumney v Tredegar
South Wales Police v Durwant
UWAC (Cardiff Institute) v Treorchy

BASKETBALL London v Milton Keynes (7.30) ... (at London Arena)

RUGBY UNION The France full-back Emile Ntamack is doubtful for their opening Five Naof a knee injury. Namack Imped off during France's 49-24 win over Italy in Genoa on Saturday, his comeback

match after missing more than a year through injury. The Swansea wing Matthew Robin-son will make his Wales debut in Saturday's Five Nations' Championship opener against Scotland at Mur-rayfield. The 25-year-old replaces the Cardiff back Gareth Thomas, who is still recovering from shoulder

Still recovering from shoulder surgery.
WALES TEAM (v Scotland, Murray-Reid, 6 Feb): S Howarth (Sale: D James (Pontypridd), A Basessas (Rchmond), S Gibbs (Swarsea), M Robbsson (Swarsea); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Howsley (Cardiff, capt): D Morris (Swarsea), Hamphreys (Cardiff), D Young (Cardiff), I Gough (Pontypridd), C Wystet (Uanelis), C Charwis (Swansea), M Williams (Pontypridd), S Guinnesi (Lunelis), Replacements: K Morgan (Pontypridd), M (Pontypridd), S Oximmeli (Uanelli), Re-placements: K Morgan (Pontypridd), M Taylor (Swansea), D Llewellyn (Ebbw Vale), G Lewis (Pontypridd), M Moyle (Uanelli), C Anthony (Swansea), B Williams (Richmond). TETLEY'S BITTER CUP Quarter-final fatter Dichmond is desired. Microsco (Manal

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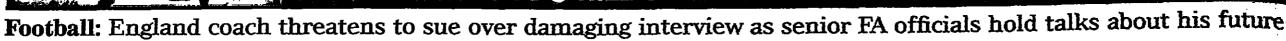
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(Chile) 2669; 7 A Agassi (US) 2845; 8 T
Henman (GB) 2608; 9 R Krajicek (Nech)
2575; 10 G Rusedski (GB) 2566; 11 T Enovist (Swe) 2362; 12 K Kutera (Slovak)
2261; 13 T Martin (US) 2152; 14 G Nanseek (Coa) 2082; 15 M Philippous (Aus)
1898; 16 A Costa (Sp) 1817; 17 T Johansson (Swe) 1761; 18 C Poline (Fr)
1678; 19 F Mandila (Sp) 1650; 20 J
Slemerink (Neth) 1619.



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Hoddle's rearguard action

BY GLENN MOORE

APPROPRIATELY ENOUGH, Glenn Hoddle's future as coach to the England team came down last night to a matter of belief. Did the Football Association believe him or a journalist? If they had faith in him they would back him, if not they would sack him.

There ought not to have been a choice. While the journalist involved, Matt Dickinson of The Times, is an honourable reporter it would be a bold step for the FA to back his word against that of their national coach.

However, the situation was not so clear cut. Hoddle's history of dissembling, and the way he has tackled the accusation that he said people with disabilities were being punished for misdemeanours in a past life, gave cause for thought to the five senior FA figures who were to determine his fate.

The five men concerned were Geoff Thompson (the acting chairman), David Davies (the acting chief executive), Noel White (Liverpool director and chairman of the FA's international committee), David Richards (chairman of Sheffield Wednesday) and David Sheepshanks (chairman of Ipswich). Davies said last night that their decision was expected by lunchtime today.

The need for urgency was underlined when Davies and Hoddle pulled out of a visit to Barcelona last night for the Fifa World Player of the Year ceremony. This would have been an excellent opportunity to continue building bridges in the wake of the cash-for-votes scandal and to spread the word about the 2006 World Cup bid. In the event the FA was not represented.

Back in London Howard Wilkinson, the FA's technical director and former manager of Leeds, is in line to fill any breach temporarily. If he is called upon, he would then name the England friendly against France. The squad is due to be announced on

The FA would then have to find a long-term replacement and quickly. The crucial European Championship qualifier against Poland is on 27 March.

The FA know that if they support Hoddle they will have to withstand a storm of protest from disabled groups, politicians and people within the game. The affair had developed such momentum that yesterday even the Prime Minister, Tony Blair,



The FA's acting chief executive, David Davies, faces the cameras outside Lancaster Gate in London before yesterday's meeting on Glenn Hoddle's future

Hoddle should go if he had been correctly quoted in The Times.

This is the crux of the matter and in a series of television interviews yesterday Hoddle's defence to the charge that he ple with disabilities hardened to one of denial. Having earlier claimed his words were "miscontrued" and "misinterpreted", this time he insisted: "It is absolute nonsense that I said these people are being punished for their sins in other lifetimes. That is just not what I

He added that he had "never, ever believed" it and that it "could not be further from the truth". Dennis Roach, his agent, later announced that Hoddle was considering issuing condemned for that, but there

had become involved, saying a writ. The Times, meanwhile, stood by their story.

Hoddle was talking to Sky News in an interview which was given a bizarre twist when it was released in segments while still being conducted - because "live". He also said he was, in turns, saddened, disappointed, frustrated, seething but not angry and devastated. He was "sorry", but only because people had been upset by the media reaction. Interestingly the interview had been arranged through his advisers, not the FA.

Hoddle has been less than totally honest on occasions in the past. Misleadin, people about injuries and team selection is standard practice among some managers and he cannot be

amples of his being economical with the truth...

He has previously denied making comments about Michael Owen's "off-the-field" activities, only for the journalrecording including them. He also revealed incidents in his published World Cup diary which he had categorically denied taking place at the time.

Although Hoddle denied making some of the comments that appeared in The Times, he did say similar things in an in-terview with Radio Five Live last year. It was also pointed out last night that it had taken him two days to deny saying what The Times had reported. He also said his "mistake" had been to "let my guard down" in the in- sweat.

fined £20,000 and suspended for

three games for his training

ground attack on Eyal Berkovic

The incident happened

during a West Ham training

session as Berkovic knelt on the

ground after a hard tackle by

his then team-mate. Caught

on camera, the evidence sup-

ported Berkovic's assertion

that "if my head had been a ball,

it would have been in the top

Hartson, who left Upton Park

to become Wimbledon's record

signing for £7.5m two weeks ago,

was handed his punishment at

a hearing of the Football Asso-

ciation's disciplinary committee

at Lancaster Gate. He will miss

three first-team matches for his

new club from 15 February and

pay the record-equalling fine

after admitting a charge of mis-

conduct. The fine equals those

given to Vinnie Jones (then of

Wimbledon) for putting his

name to a video of vicious tack-

les, and to Arsenai's Patrick

Vicira for an obscene gesture to

the Sheffield Wednesday crowd

A spokesman said: "We re-

gard the incident as clearly

being within our jurisdiction be-

last September.

corner of the net".

have been more relevant ex- terview, which suggests he felt he had been drawn into saying something unintended. He is not especially articulate and in the past his chunsiness has led to his saying things he did not mean. For example, his claim goalscorer" was supposed to be a compliment.

All this adds to the dilemma facing the FA. The key figures were involved in telephone conferences throughout yesterday. In the back of their minds was the knowledge that Hoddle, for all his faults, would not be easy to replace. This is the job that drove Don Revie to the desert. turned Bobby Robson grey and caused Graham Taylor to wake up in the middle of the night with his pyjamas soaked in

Long-term possibilities in-cluded Bryan Robson, Kevin Keegan, Arsène Wenger, Roy Hodgson, Alex Ferguson and Venables. With the Poland match eight weeks away the FA wouldhave to identify the right man, then, in most cases, persuade his

employers to release him. It is a tall order and, in the interim, Wilkinson was being lined up. However, Peter Taylor, who has done a decent job with the England Under-21 team, could

step up if Wilkinson refuses. As far as Hoddle was concerned this was academic speculation. "I've not considered resigning," he said, adding that he had received telephone messages of support from England players. "People are going to do this, it is the nature sometimes

of this job. It is not a pleasant experience, but it is one I will learn from. You sake Is it worth the hassle?' My attitude has always been it is a privilege to be manager of England.

"At this moment in time I still the team out against France. Some of them have been through this themselves and this might even pull us together even stronger."

This optimism, like so much of Hoddle's character, comes from his faith. As with many men, his greatest strength is also his greatest weakness. It always ends in tears,

Bobby Robson offers to help

BY CLIVE WHITE

BOBBY ROBSON, the former England manager, said last night that providing he could free himself he would be prepared to take temporary charge of the national team should there be a parting of the ways between Glenn Hoddle and the Football Association.

Robson, who stands down as coach of Dutch side PSV Eindhoven at the end of the season when Eric Gerets takes over in almost alone in regarding the England job as still the most

prestigious in the land. It is amazing that even at 62 years old and after the persecution he suffered at the hands of the media he could still even consider doing it again, even though his eight-year reign from 1982-1990 eventually ended on a triumphant note when he steered England to the semi-finals at Italia 90.

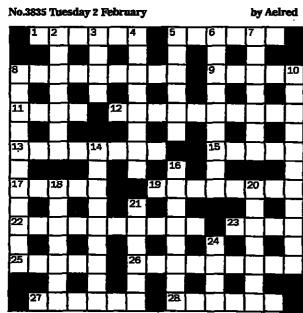
"If I was free and the coun try was in a spot then, yes, for the short term," he told The Independent yesterday from the Netherlands.

"I'm sure if you asked Terry Venables he would also say 'yes'. But there must be loss of other candidates. Not so long ago all of our better you managers wouldn't touch the job with a bargepole.

"I regarded it as the greatest job in football. What I had at lpswich, in [terms of] the quality of life [was good], but I gave it all up because that's the way it was in those days. If I'd never taken it I'd have sat back in my rocking chair later on in life and said, what a fool I was to turn it down'. I've no regrets. It was a fantastic phase of my life, a great education."

successful Englishman ever to manage abroad but believes that a younger man should have the job and was interested to know where Kevin Keegan stood among the list of contenders. When told he himself was 50-1 in the betting to take over should Hoddle's tenure come to and end, he replied: "Fifty-to-one! I'm disappointed."

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cause John was a professional footballer going about his duties and subject to our rules," he said. Hartson apologised at the FA hearing and the disciplinary committee accepted that he had since made his peace with Berkovic. The Israeli mid-

JOHN HARTSON was yesterday

Hartson fined

£20,000 by FA

fielder, who missed a reunion with Hartson when West Ham played Wimbledon last Saturday because of flu, had sent a letter to the committee saying that he and Hartson had settled their differences since the attack.

The committee accepted, the FA spokesman said, that the two players had subsequently gone on to train and play together and that no grudges had been held. West Ham's manager, Harry Redknapp, had already fined his centreforward the maximum two weeks' wages - about £10,000 and donated the money to a children's leukaemia charity. Redknapp said last night: "It is a very harsh punishment in my view. I fined John £10,000 after the incident but now they have

Hartson's new manager, Joe Kinnear, said: "I need some time to think about this. I didn't expect that." Yesterday's disciplinary panel made its decision after hearing evidence from Hartson, who has 14 days to appeal against the decision. Meanwhile, Liverpool's Rob

Jones seems likely to become Redknapp's latest recruit. The former England right-back was in talks with the Hammers over the weekend and is looking at houses in the area before moving. Redknapp will try to agree a fee with Liverpool - he is likely to have to raise his opening offer of £200,000.

City set for £30m cash injection

BY ALAN NIXON

MANCHESTER CITY, for the past few years one of football's poor relations, are on the verge of a £30m cash injection - which could happen this week.

City's manager, Joe Royle will be given up to £20m to spend on new players, while a further £10m will be invested in club shares. The Second Division side will unveil details after a board meeting on Thursday. The identity of the club's backer is being kept secret. However, it is understood to be an English-based corporation with foreign connections.

Aston Villa's central defender, Ugo Ehiogu, will be out of action for at least a month with a fractured eye socket. He suffered the injury when acciden-tally kicked by Alan Shearer during Saturday's Premiership match with Newcastle.

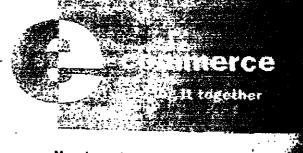
Blackburn's French defender Sébastien Perez has returned to his former club. Bastia, on loan until the end of

The Wolves striker Robbie Keane, has been recalled to the Republic of Ireland squad for a friendly against Paraguay on 10 February in Dublin. Alan Kelly, Ian Harte and Lee Carsley are also recalled by the Republic's manager, Mick McCarthy.

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One man and his God

Glenn Hoddle, the man who believed too much

one of this, of course, would stand up in a court of law. Glenn Hoddle failed to win the World Cup. He was unable to maintain the customary level of moral support for some of his players (Gazza, Becks, the boy Owen). Unforgivably, he betrayed the confidence of some of them. He left his wife and kids. He was too interested in money. He aired a few theories that appeared to have been borrowed from the lyrics of Tales from Topographic Oceans. His team got off to a shoddy start in the qualifying round for Euro 2000. And now the nation appears to have decided, prompted by its Prime Minister, that it has had enough of him.

At 40 years of age, Glenn Hoddle stands convicted of being, by one reading, too thoughtful and insufficiently eloquent. English professional footballers are not supposed to worry about the next life. The next 90 minutes are their problem. They belong to a very particular culture, and they venture beyond it at their peril. After his famous initial encounter with Eileen Drewery, when she cured the young Tot-tenham Hotspur player's injury by means of something she described to him as "absent healing". Hoddle's mind was stretched beyond the limits prescribed by his background and his normal working environment. It is to his credit that he accepted the ntellectual challenge; it is a pity, many of us may think, that the test was not a worthier one.

The tabloids were always going to get him one day. Hoddle had offended too often, by refusing to play the game their way. He had sometimes intentionally misled them, he had often let them see his contempt for them, and he had not given them the unbroken string of victories that would allow them to indulge the unfettered jingoism so pleasing to their circulation departments. But Hoddle was never quite comfortable with the beer-and-buildog ambience of

the Sun Bus, and his unease became his downfall. Yet it was only be a seeming paradox that the clumsy and unnecessary statement last week of his views on handicapped people should appear in an interview in The Times. No paper appears to value football coverage more highly as a circulation weapon, wielded in conjunction with Sky Sport's Premier League contract. The Sun probably doesn't know whether to bemoan its own failure to provoke the scoop, or to dance a jig at the prospect of being able to write Hoddle's obituary at last.

Hoddle's words upset many disabled people and their representatives - a perfectly natural reaction. Glenn Hoddle says that the lame, the blind and the halt have only themselves to blame," they were told. "How do you feel about that?" There could be only one response, and David Blunkett voiced it in unanswerable terms. Hoddle's attempt to suggest that his beliefs were more complex, fell on deafened ears.

It does no good at this stage to suggest that many of those leading the condemnation of Hoddle's views themselves subscribe to a cult whose believers led by our head of state and our Prime Minister -

have no trouble with numinous phenomena, whether they be serial plagues, the parting of seas or tricks with loaves and fishes. Or, indeed, with the basic notion of an afterlife. Hoddle's version of man's relationship with eternity certainly smacks of a shallow immersion in the debris of Sixties spiritualism, but he is hardly alone in that. It may, indeed, simply be a matter of degree. The Right Reverend David Jenkins, the former Bishop of Durham and the Church of England's most celebrated sceptic, acknowledged as much when he deplored the speed with which people are condemned for their beliefs

BY RICHARD WILLIAMS

- or for holding beliefs at all.

Yet the fact is that whatever good work Hoddle may have done for disabled people in the past, he has undone it all through words with which, unwittingly, he has enabled others to hold them up to ridicule. You do not have to believe in the doctrine of political correctness to understand that significant advances have been made in attitudes to illness in general and to handicapped people in particular, often expressed through the choice of popular terminology. Using the term "Down's syndrome" in preference to "mongolism" does make a difference. Hoddle's words could do nothing but

achieve the precise opposite of their intention. That mistake calls into question the overall accuracy of his judgement. But perhaps even that is Hoddle wary of anything he said, even to The Times.

being too kind. Perhaps the ability to hold such a a deep character flaw, another expression of the man's inflexibility, also known as his self-belief. Such a quality can be seen as priceless when the man possessing it is an undoubted winner. But Hoddle has won nothing as England's coach, which denies him the right to such consideration.

A few years ago, the question that provoked the damaging quotes would not have been asked. No football reporter of the Sixties would have thought Alf Ramsey's theology worth probing. Had it come up, it would have remained unrecorded, in the manner of Jack Kennedy's philandering or the behaviour of MCC teams in distant parts of the Empire. In that way the fate of Hoddle resembles that of Clinton, except that the former's zip problem is with his lip. The question of whether this world or that one is the better is beside the point; this one - with its full-beam prurience and lynch-mob justice - seems

to be the one in which most people are happy to live. Almost the last vestige of sympathy for Hoddle's plight disappeared with his claim to have been "misrepresented and misconstrued" by Matt Dickinson, the journalist in question. It's true that apparently random comments are sometimes distorted by newspapers to suit their purposes, and this certainly happened to Hoddle recently, when a reference to David Beckham's disciplinary record was blown up into the semblance of a full-scale row on the eve of England's last match. That should have made

But he had done enough in the past to be denied belief, in apparent seriousness, is an indication of the benefit of the doubt when it really counted. A man so devious and insecure that he could order a player to lie about his medical condition - as, on Hoddle's own free admission, was the case with a reluctant Gareth Southgate in France last summer - may be thought at best marginally suited to the responsibility of leading the England football squad.

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And who, now, would want the job? Since Ramsey's fall from grace after falling to qualify for the 1974 World Cup, no England coach has emerged unscathed. Don Revie became a pariah; Ron Greenwood lost much of his football reputation; Bobby Robson gave up in disgust; Graham Taylor became a laughing-stock; Terry Venables was engulfed by his own tide of sleaze. Thanks to football's popularity, it is a job requiring a range of qualities that can hardly be embodied in a single person.

It may be easy to say this now, after their delirious triumph last July, but maybe the French have discovered the best way. Their team is run by a group of solid, relatively anonymous men, mutually supportive, working together on a long-term project with clear philosophies to guide them. There are no colourful characters in the Venables mould, but when attacks from the press come - as they did before the World Cup, when the modest Aime Jacquet was the butt of severe and unjustified criticism - their solidarity provides an effective shield. A lesson here for the Football Association perhaps. Although surely not for Glenn Hoddle, for whom his belief is shield enough. Or so we hope, as he is carried out on it.

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Hoddle pilloried

Sir: I see one good result which may come from l'affaire Hoddle: it may serve to make an unthinking belief in reincarnation less popular. At present it must be the fastest-spreading religious opinion in this country. But I am less enthusiastic about hounding Hoddle from his job because of his defective theology.

The tabloid gunfire aimed at Hoddle also hits other targets. Are we to understand that no orthodox Hindu or Buddhist is permitted to hold a prominent public post in this country? The Rev G P BENSON

Barnston, Merseyside

Sir: The idea that sickness and disability are in some way related to sin is very old (see Job in the Bible). But then so is the idea we should punish or pillory those who hold different religious views from ourselves. The question in a civilised society is whether the holding of even offensive religious views merits such treatment. I hope not.

Dr A R CADAMY Kildwick, West Yorkshire

Sir. Now that the principle is clearly established - public figures who attack disadvantaged groups on the basis of outlandish superstitions should resign - I await with eager anticipation the Prime Minister's calls for the removal of anti-homosexual bishops and former Chief Rabbis from the House of Lords. Perhaps Gienn Hoddle could be appointed to replace them in the transitional chamber. SIMON CHRISTMAS Cambridge

Sir: In the light of the furore over Glenn Hoddle's remarks, why aren't we demanding the sacking of other public figures who espouse equally crackpot ideas? I am thinking of the Queen, Tony Blair and a significant number of the ruling classes whose belief in a supernatural father figure, eternal damnation and the immortality of a human soul are, if anything, more frightening than Glenn's homespun philosophy. LES BEAUMONT London W13

Sir: Can we hope that Glenn Hoddle will be reincarnated as one of Mary Chipperfield's baby chimpanzees? LESLEY BROWNE London SW1

Sir: Is it possible that, if I say or do something breathtakingly stupid in this life. I might be reincarnated as the England football coach? DAVID FÜLLMAN Norwich

alone. If what he believes is true then he will come back as a toad. OWOOLCOTT

Care in crisis

Sir: David Aaronovitch is right to say that the "selflessly excellent rub alongside the chronically inefficient" in our public services ("What's the point of spending a fortune on nurses and teachers?", 28 January). This is certainly true in services for people with learning

In residential homes there is an appalling lack of care. It is not unusual for those who are supposed to support people with learning disabilities to spend hours watching television, talking among themselves, or speaking on the telephone. In this culture of laziness and complacency it should not be surprising that abuse often goes undetected.

Is there any good reason why the homes of vulnerable people should not be electronically surveyed? Is there any way other than supervision by closed circuit television that we can ensure that people with a learning disability receive an adequate service in their own homes? There are many problems with privacy and staff feeling uncomfortable but

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where is there a real alternative? The powers of choice and complaint are meaningless unless we can see what is going on in these places. I have worked in the

learning disability services since 1994 and know neglect is widespread. CCTV might even allow us to pay a decent wage to those who are doing their job conscientiously. FRANCIS ELLIOT-WRIGHT London SE4

Sir: David Aaronovitch was out of date in his comparison of poor ancillary workers with wonderful nurses. Despite the antics of the unions, until Mrs Thatcher introduced "efficiency savings" into the NHS we had a large effective ward teams, including

often excellent ancillaries. Mrs Thatcher privatised ancillary services. The contracts were won by the lowest bidders, who made money by cutting pay. No wonder they appear

disaffected. Many would argue hospitals will never be as effective again until ancillaries are restored to NHS conditions of service and real ward teams are rebuilt. DAVID DUFFY

Ipswich, Suffolk The writer was an NHS manager

Bad news: prices up

Sir: Your report "House prices buoyant in key areas" (27 January) applauds house price rises with phrases like "some homeowners enjoying rises" but "a gloomy picture elsewhere". I am sure you would not be writing in such terms about cars or food.

estate agents and landowners. Everyone else suffers - first time buyers and those needing to move up the housing chain all see their dream house going out of their reach. It is a prime cause of general inflation, which in turn brings higher interest rates, making mortgages dearer.

But the most serious result, from my perspective as a local councillor grappling with how to accommodate vast numbers of new houses without destroying our beautiful countryside, is that inflation stokes up demand in a never-ending cycle, with everyone jumping on the bandwagon before the next rise, and we end up with an urban sprawl. DEREK FISHER Gloucester

Coward's way

Sir: Philip Hoare's paean for the values of Noel Coward (Comment, 1 February) was summed up more than three decades ago in a top newspaper's thundering headline ial on the trial: A DECENT RETICENCE. But in reality this is everything that the English do not need.

Since Shakespeare's time we have isolated ourselves from the beauties and terrors of myth and passion; we have covered the rawness of our nature in Prince of Wales check. Coward was right to indicate that an unrestrained peeling-back-to-nature was a

Sir: The article "I think,

therefore I'm a chimp" (29

January) suggests that only

mistake; but his denial of the mythic and ecstatic aspects to human existence reminds me of the king in Euripides' Bacchae, whose suppression of the rites of Dionysos drove him mad.

Somehow we need to integrate the mythic and the irrational into our lives. This was one of the things that the playwrights of the Fifties and Sixties were saying; this was the whole ethos of the Sixties - to me a "marvellous party" (yes!) where hierarchy, class distinctions and the urge to control others were jettisoned in favour of love, individuality, discovering common humanity, ending superiority and

bossiness, and taking responsibility for one's own life. After such discovery, the world appealing as a dutiful railway sandwich.

CHRISTOPHER J WALKER London W14

Adoption 'choice'

Sir: Yasmin Alibhai Brown is disingenuous ("Secrets, lies and the burning need to discuss adoption", 29 January). To give

IN BRIEF

income upon which they can raise their babies. The current amount something like £67 per week gives teenage mothers a choice to starve their babies (or themselves - lots of research shows that is

teenage mothers a real choice

babies or have them adopted, we

about whether to keep their

need to offer them a realistic

happening), while going round the bend. Give mothers a proper income - say £200 per week - and then we can talk about choice. It is remarkable how emotionally resilient people can become on an adequate income. JEAN MOLLOY London SE13

to prevent teenage pregnancies by giving girls a raw egg to look after, thus alerting them to the burdens of parenthood. I find it extraordinary that only girls are mentioned ("Chicken eggs help girls learn about sex", 29 January). Surely, boys, being after all, 50 per cent of the equation, should be equally targeted? It appears that their

MARK CUNNINGHAM Edinburgh

responsibilities are not regarded

as relevant at all. So much for

Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire

music". Mr de Blancke (letter, 29

January) simply has a different

To suggest that the people who

write this "meretricious modern

pogroms against "degenerate" art

in the Thirties. I have never thought

of the BBC as the great defender of

underfunded makes it a public body

Maybe Mr de Blancke should

look at his own understanding of

that which he derides and decide

whether it is not in fact he who is

"the revolution" but perhaps its

of which Marx would be proud.

garbage" should not be called

composers smacks of the Nazi

equal opportunities. JOAN MOORE

Pogrom music

Sir: Surely all music is "real

(subjective) view of what he

considers good music.

Talk of the devil Sir: In stating that the devil serves

as something to get us off the hook of taking full responsibility for our actions Paul Vallely betrays a misunderstanding of the biblical perspective both on Satan and on the human mind ("Who the devil are you?", 28 January). If we are inclined not to take responsibility for our actions there is a whole host of things to blame. Satan has no monopoly in the culprit market. We can blame upbringing. hormones, genes, stars, other

people - the list is endless. The simplistic view that God is willing to prevent evil but not able or else able but not willing misses the point. God gave his son. Jesus laid down his life. God made himself vulnerable, the subject of evil, to show its bankruptcy up against him. We too have a share in this victory. JOHN ATHANASIOU London N9

Cruel without bias

Sir: Yet again the cognoscenti - or m this case Philip Hensher (Comment 29 January) - lambaste Bernard manning as being undunne the crucilest of insults for any

contedian. As a writer researching the social importance of humour. I have attended a number of periormances by so called "offensive" contedians such as Chubby Brown, the late Bill Hicks and of course Bernard Manning. What they all have in common, Mr Manning included, is that they, without fail, make their audiences laugh.

Whether or not I like their subject matter, if they, as they often do, reduce those who pay good money to see them to tears of laughter, I can only assume they are funny. Clearly, what is offensive to the average intellectual, politically correct broadsheet columnist is side-splittingly family to thousands of people who are prepared to buy this brand of humour either in the form of live performance's or in recorded material.

People claim Bernard manning is sexist and racist, but in truth he attacks everyone - his act is that of a true misunthropist. He is every bit. as likely to launch into a member of the audience for being pasty faced or badly dressed as he is for them being black or Asian. Everyone in the audience is a potential target Maybe the frisson of possibly being singled out for ridicule and momentarily appearing in the spotlight is, along with the joy of watching others squirm, what drives people along in their droves. Dr CRISPIAN BEASLEY Reading, Berkshire

In praise of fibre

Sir: The scepticism of Barry Groves (letter, 27 January) is both unwarranted and unhelpful. The hypothesis that a high-fibre diet may help reduce the risk of bowel cancer is based on a large body of evidence which was detailed in the Government's Coma report last

Individual studies are only useful as pointers and the balance of the data still supports a role for a fibre-rich diet.

Other major studies which are due to report in the near future such as Epic (following over 400,000 men and women in nine European countries) will provide additional valuable evidence.

The importance of a balanced diet that is rich in fruit, vegetables and cereals in maintaining good health is not in dispute and certainly can do no harm. This remains the position of the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Research Campaign and other European cancer charities. Dr LESLEY WALKER Head of Science Information London NWI

Sir: Barry Groves is apparently wrong when he says at the end of his letter "And there is no evidence that fibre reduces the risk of heart disease either."

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The authors of a recent paper in the New England Journal of Medicine found no evidence that dietary fibre has any influence on the incidence of colorectal cancer: but they end their paper by saying that "there are cogent reasons for increasing fibre intake, particularly the inverse association with coronary heart disease observed in many studies".

It is worth adding that no sophisticated studies are necessary to show that fibre relieves constipation. You just have totrvit Dr ROGER JAMES Old Portsmouth. Hampshire

Unattractive

Sir: I agree with Mohamed al-Fayed's statement that Harrods has become a major tourist attraction (Right of Reply, 28 January). In common with many of London's tourist attractions it is overcrowded, tacky, over-priced and avoided by most Londoners. ADAM E B TAYLOR-SMITH Godalming, Surrey

as she preens, she checks the the merits or lack of them of human cloning, it is a effect in places otherwise bard disservice to the debate to to see, ensuring that every

House inflation only benefits

children over the age of 18 months, the higher apes and possibly dolphins display selfconsciousness when confronted with a mirror, But I have a house-hen who regularly uses : floor-length mirror in her preening. Twisting and turning feather is presented to a high standard. I presume that she is self-conscious as well as vain. DAVID MARTIN

Sir: Richard Dawkins of all people should not have to be told that there is a great difference between clones and

identical twins ("Dawkins: I'd let daughter be cloned", 30 January). No one chooses to create twins. Moreover, clones

will be younger, perhaps much younger, than the person choosing to have a clone made of him- or herself. Whatever pretend that clones are simply dentical twins. RALPH ESTLING Aminster. Somerset

Sir: Michael Butterworth (letter, 1 February) writes of John Bayley's "brave choice". But revulsion to his book Iris arises from the fact that Iris

Murdoch had no choice whether her privacy should be invaded. Whereas other public figures go to endless trouble to avoid paparazzi intrusion, in Iris's case the informant is right there in the bed beside her recording every grunt and snore. MARGARET McGOVERN

Sir: Under the socialist regimes of eastern Europe the obligatory form of address was "comrade". When do our masters propose to make "mate", now used quite indiscriminately by public servants and others, a statutory requirement – surely a fitting confirmation of their egalitarian principles? PG ADDISÓN

The Glenn Hoddle guide to a better life – next time

THANKS TO the missionary work of Glenn Hoddle, public interest in reincarnation is being widely aroused again today. But what exactly is it and can it make England more effective in goal-mouth scrambles? Today we bring you a complete pre-match background briefing.

How does reincarnation work,

Well, first you die...

Then you come back again. What? Back here? No - somewhere else Somewhere like Milton Keynes? If you'd been very bad, yes. So living in Milton Keynes is a punishment for behaving bodly in a previous existence, is it?

Or is that just a cheap joke at Milton Keynes's expense? And you might just as well have said

All right, then, what happens if you live in Milton Keynes and behave badly there? What would happen next? How would you be nunished for behaving badly in Milton Keynes?

You'd be reborn in Basingstoke. And if you misbehaved in Bas-

You might come back as the England football manager. So you think Glenn Hoddle is being punished now for some misdoing in a previous existence?

Not necessarily, But English football fans are being punished. What for? Glenn Hoddle's misdoings in a previous existence?

Not necessarily. But the continuing frustration of English football followers in Euro 96 and World Cup 98 and every competition you can think of, might be due to England's

misdeeds in a previous existence.

The England team is suffering

now because of their players' misdeeds in a previous existence? No. It is much more likely that they are suffering because of the misdeeds of their supporters in a past existence.

Supporters' misbehaviour? That's a bit unfair, isn't it? I mean, f England supporters had been Italian supporters in a previous existence, and had misbehaved as Italian supporters, and then were reincarnated as English supporters, then the present English football scene would be suffering for Italian supporters' misdeeds!



MILES KINGTON

What do you think Manchester United's players were in a previous incarnation?

Well, that's well out of order! Nobody ever said that reincar-

nation was fair. Life isn't fair. Football isn't fair. David Beckham being sent off wasn't fair. Gareth Southgate's penalty wasn't fair. Manchester United's success isn't fair.

What do you think Manchester

United's players were in their last English, probably. But they've all come back as foreigners.

Of course, if your theory is true, then Brazilian supporters have all behaved well in a previous life, I suppose. How come? Well, Brazil is the most suc-

cessful football team in history. Therefore their fans are benefiting from a multitude of previous blameless existences.

Perhaps. Also from the fact that their players have good finishing, individual flair and years spent practising barefoot football on the golden sands of Brazil's beaches. Ah! So reincarnation isn't responsible for everything! Certainly not. We all have to

make use of the gifts we are given. Except Senor Juan Samaranch, of course. He doesn't make use of his gifts. He just puts them in a glass case and has them valued from time to time.

Do you think Senor Samaranch should resign? No. I think he should die now and come back as a bed bug. In Milton Keynes?

No. In the worst bedroom of a very low class one-star hotel in a city which was refused Olympic status by Samaranch himself.

I see. But does anyone actually seriously believe in reincar-

Glenn Hoddle, and many major Eastern religions. Friedrich Nietzsche also believed in a perpetual cycle of destiny repeating itself which may have been some form of reincarnation, or may be more like listening to The Archers omnibus on Sunday morning and sud-

denly realising you've heard it all before Who do you think Nictesche came back as?

Margaret Thatcher. Margaret Thatcher? Good Lord! How does reincarnation work,

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This healthy rise is not enough to cure our public services

YESTERDAY'S PAY awards for nurses and teachers should be a sure-fire vote-winner for any government, a fact that certainly will not have been lost on New Labour. With the public accounts in the black and inflation low, even Whitehall civil servants, less visible and less popular, could yesterday have been promised pay awards at more than the rate of inflation. Any government would welcome the chance of such relatively painless electoral gain.

This package is particularly important to the Government as it will remove some specific obstacles to its election pledges on improving public services. Nurses just entering the service will be given a substantial rise of 12 per cent, bringing their starting pay near the level of newly qualified teachers. The difficulties the NHS experienced this winter were partly due to a chronic shortage of nurses; this rise, along with advertising to encourage people into the profession, will go some way towards rectifying the situation. There is a shortage of suitable prospective headteachers, too; the 9 per cent increase in heads' pay may encourage more teachers to apply for that difficult job of running a school

But headline rises for some, ameliorating the difficulties of particular sectors, serve only to disguise the reality of the situation overall. Whatever the Downing Street briefing, nurses and teachers will not make up the lost wages that years of phased pay awards have involved. The nurses receiving that attention-grabbing 12 per cent represent only 7 per cent of the profession; this year's rises do not solve at a stroke the problem that nurses and teachers remain comparatively poorly paid. The Government will have to follow this up, year after year, just to keep wages at their present relative worth.

Modern governments are tight-fisted; tax resistance and implicit pay policies mean that those they pay direct will always bear the brunt of their parsimonious rectitude. But this need not mean that public sector pay should fall as far behind as it has. The brightest graduates can earn up to double what teachers start on; no amount of youthful idealism or government advertising will attract them or their peers into schools. Only pay rises will do that, by increasing the attraction of public service.

But as the Prime Minister made clear yesterday, wages are not everything. Many public sector workers have advantages those in the private sector do not: long holidays, security of tenure, good pensions. Equally, the physical conditions in wards and classroooms continue to be unacceptable, one reason why many young people prefer private sector jobs. New Labour has admitted as much, earmarking funds to modernise and upgrade buildings.

Although government can and must pay more for hi public service, it may never be able to match private-sector what extra money is available is not squandered.



wages, as the Cabinet "enforcer" Jack Cunningham has made clear. The Government must therefore be imaginative enough to introduce more selective benefits. Its attempts to introduce incentives for the best and the brightest - more training and promotion opportunities and performance-related pay - are particularly welcome. Such initiatives could go some way to make up for the remaining gap between public and private pay.

The management of schools and hospitals should be given the discretion in recruitment that the private sector takes for granted; for one thing, this could rectify teacher shortages in areas such as London, and in certain skills and subjects. If headteachers and hospital managers wish to pay more to employees particularly deserving of promotion, then they should be able to, as a government Green Paper on education has recognised. After years of restraint, most public servants deserve er wages. But only more flexibility will ensure that

The honourable fall of a flawed gentleman

WE CAN only guess what motivated a member of the European Parliament, and a Tory at that, to attempt to re-enter Britain carrying drugs and pornography. Perhaps Tom Spencer, Euro-MP for Surrey, gets a thrill from such risks but the blanket condemnation found in much of the press seems as puzzling as Mr Spencer's gamble.

In an age of spin, when politicians and policies are packaged as if they were consumer goods, Mr Spencer's candour since his misdemeanour became public seems endearingly quaint. The usual phoney tabloid outrage over a politician caught in a sex and drugs scandal has been has displayed such dignity since the storm broke that one blunted by Mr Spencer's openness, frankness and even

hospitality to the press pack outside his doors.

afflicted politicians in similar scandals. He has resigned speedily, admittedly after pressure from his party, but maintaining at least the appearance of decency. In his complex private life, Mr Spencer seems to have behaved with honour towards his family. His wife and step-daughter have always known about his sexual preferences; most people will understand his wish to delay telling his younger daughters about his lifestyle until they are a little older.

Mr Spencer's sins seem rather mild when compared to other disgraced politicians. Recent rule-breaking by both Labour and Conservative members has included taking money to ask questions in Parliament, lying under oath, and failing to register loans. Ultimately, this tale will barely register on the Richter scale of political earthquakes. Although Surrey's MEP will be punished for his sins, he is left with the thought that perhaps he would make a rather more honourable representative than many of the He has displayed none of the arrogance that has political colleagues he will soon be leaving behind.

Must we bury eccentricity under a cloak of political correctness?

head!" Let us call it Queen of Hearts syndrome after the bloodthirsty playing card monarch from Alice in Wonderland. It's an odd condition, this distantly related to Tourette's - in which the sufferer loudly demands that a judge or a sportsperson - or a politician - should lose their job for something completely unrelated to their public function. And over the weekend two new figures, the England football boss Glenn Hoddle and the Tory MEP Tom Spencer, became victims of the rampant Queen of Hearts.

Hoddle first. On Sunday afternoon Margaret Hodge, the minister with responsibility for the disabled, described Hoddle as having uttered sentiments that those with disabilities would find "deeply insulting". In view of his comments, she said, she felt that it was "inappropriate that he should hold that place". Then, yesterday, Tony Blair added that if the reports were accurate Hoddle would find it difficult to stay. Britt! This is heavy stuff, the Prime Minister calling for a football manager to be sacked. It never happened to Terry Venables, even amid all the allegations about money

and dodgy companies. This isn't just a Labour thing. The Tory MP Peter Bottomley said that Hoddle's remarks were "not Christian, scientific or acceptable" (as if those three things had ever had anything to do with each other). Oddly, the previous month's victim of Queen of Hearts syndrome concurred. Former spin doctor Charlie Whelan argued in The Observer that Hoddle should resign because he wouldn't be able to

"OFF WITH his head! Off with her stand up to all that pressure coming from those in the press calling for him to resign. An ingenious argument, but not, I feel, what Charlie was saying to Geoffrey Robinson all those months.

This is what nasty old Glenn is reported to have said. "You and I," he told a journalist, "have been physically given two hands and two legs and halfdecent brains. Some people have not been born like that for a reason. The karma is working from another lifetime. It is not only people with disabilities. What you sow, you have to reap. You have to look at things that happened in your life and ask why. It comes around."

That's it. Glenn believes that things happen in this existence as a consequence of events in previous lives. But why, lamented one sports writer, "was it necessary to get involved in discussions about the hereafter?" The answer is because Hoddle was asked. What should he have said? "No. I only talk about football." At this rate no one except musicians will dare to appear on Desert Island Discs.

I am not big on spiritualism and all that stuff myself. I think that Hoddle suffers from an under-educated intelligence: he's clever, but he has never been trained to use his mind. But, my God, he's far from being alone. One of my best friends is an immensely talented, sensitive and charismatic man. He is also, in religious terms, a kook. He has clapped happy with the happiest of clappies, has hung out with the ultra-liberals at St James's, Piccadilly, and is certain both that he has been reincarnated several times and that he has healing



DAVID AARONOVITCH

Is it more insulting to believe disability is a legacy of a previous life than that it's God's will?

powers. He believes what Hoddle

Now go into your local bookshop. The chances are that the "New Age" section is about three or four times as big as that devoted to "Science and Technology". Look at them: books on how spacemen built the pyramids, best-selling ahistorical nonsense by the likes of Graham Hancock and Erich von Däniken, endless bollocks

about Templars and Rosicrucians. On telly there are credulous programmes with titles such as Stronge But True and Musteries With Carol Vorderman (a show that never explores the true mystery of modern British life - Carol herself) that practically invite viewers to visit their nearest faith healer or spiritualist. In newspapers there are special supplements on the crystal skulls of El Di-

sculpture on Mars. A complete tribe of astrologers lives off the notion that

your star sign affects your destiny. This pick nimix spirituality is the new religion. And why should I be more worried about terms such as pre-existence, rebirth, re-embodiment, palingenesis, metasomatosis, transmigration and reincarnation than I am about transubstantiation, resurrection and virgin birth? At least Hoddle has never forced a teenage girl to have a baby she didn't want or denied contraception to those needing it. Should we now fire all practising Catholics from their jobs? Why is it more insulting to believe that disability is a hangover from a previous life than to believe that it is "God's will"?

And yet Hoddle may well be gone by the time you read this, following the Tory MEP Tom Spencer (caught by customs with a rude video, two joints, a line and a strange costume) into oblivion. Mr Spencer fell on his sword at the invitation of Edward McMillan Scott, the leader of the Tory delegation to the European parliament, after having first had the whip withdrawn. Considering what was found in his suitcase this may be considered

double jeopardy. Mr Spencer had been on a night out in Amsterdam, where a chap had given him a few recreational drugs that he had kept. The video was a gay one. From Churt, in Surrey, Mr Spencer revealed that, though married, he was mostly homosexual. "My wife and I met at university and we

able and on how aliens built a giant arrangement was that occasionally it was acknowledged that I would go away for the weekend."

This arrangement suited his wife, apparently, and the two have raised three daughters together. And it seems incredibly sensible and civilised to me. So here, too, I wondered just how much civilisation was threatened by a bloke who swings both ways and smokes a little dope from time to time? More or less than by all those politicians who get legless in the House of Commons bar on a weekday night?

For me the question is not whether Hoddle is right or Spencer behaved well. The question is: can we live with it? That's what tolerance means. If the answer is "no", then we are, by definition, intolerant. Can disabled people cope with Hoddle's views on reincarnation? Can the voters of Surrey deal with a man who occasionally takes drugs? Or shall we demand an end to difference, a uniformity of expression, a burying of eccentricity under a cloak of correctness?

If so, we ought to question our own motivation. As the Hoddle furore mounted, Roberto Di Matteo, the Chelsea midfield player, said he felt upset for his blind sister: "I'm angry and disappointed with Glenn. I am very close to my sister. I already feel guilty about her ... she has done nothing whatsoever to deserve this or bring it on herself."

"Guilty" is the key word there. A lot of us are aware that we do precious little for the disabled; sacking Glenn discussed my homosexuality long is just a painless way of telling ourbefore we got married. Part of our selves we care. So -off with his head!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He's been treated worse than Saddam Hussein." Eileen Drewery, fuith healer, on Glenn Hoddle

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Only the mediocre are always at their best." Jean Giraudoux French writer and dramatist

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between Milosevic and the Kosovars is worrisome. What is there to negotiate? Nato should force Serbian forces to withdraw and give the Kosovars a three- to five-year period to recover from Milosevic's depredations and rebuild the demogratic institutions he destroyed. During that same period, the United States and its allies should intensify their

efforts to promote a demo-

NATO'S CALL for negotiations

Then negotiations - between a democratic Serbia and a democratic Kosovo - might have some meaning, and some chance of success. Washington Post, US

OUR EUROPEAN allies must take over more responsibility. A good start was the willingness of the French to assume leadership of the Nato troops that protect the monitors in Kosovo. That force includes cratic transition in Serbia itself. no American ground troops. We

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD Comment on the Nato ultimatum given to Serbia and Kosovo

peans more into the negotiations on the future of Kosovo. so that these issues do not become an entirely American af-

should also draw the Euro- to our national interests than those posed by the problems of the former Yugoslavia. The New York Times, US

chant of admonition. From US blame him for doubting it? Vice-President Al Gore: "There should be no doubt about our collective resolve in this matter. Nato is prepared to back up its word with action." From Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State: "The consequences of failure will be swift and serious." Perhaps they mean it this time. Perhaps this time they will use force to bring Mr Milosevic to heel But, after all the years of empty

The Globe and Mail, Canada ANY MILITARY action must be followed by a comprehensive political solution to the Kosovan

crisis. One possibility is a return to the ethnic Albanians of the sort of autonomy they en-. joyed previously. It is short of the independence they seek. but it could be an achievable compromise that halts the bloodsbed.

fair. There are greater threats NOW COMES the familiar sermonising, can we really

PANDORA

SOME OF the biggest players in media advertising were spotted in Miami last ekend. David Mansfield, Capital Radio's chief executive, Andrew Barnes, commercial director for Channel 4, his brother Simon Barnes, a marketing supremo at Associated Newspapers. Nick Milligan, Channel 5's director of sales, and Steve Platt, MD for Carlton sales. Were they swapping corporate secrets? Or discussing takeovers and mergers? No. Despite the high-powered "Five Go Mad in Miami" scenario, Pandora can reveal that they went to watch the Super Bowl.

IT HAS come to Pandora's attention that a bidding war has begun over Biche, the first novel of Stephanie Theobald, the journalist who recently demanded to know why the word 'lesbian" is banned from women's magazines while men's mags use it for erotic purposes. Theobald is also responsible for the term "bi-try", meaning the sexual advantages of being a lesbian while retaining some mercenary straight behaviour, principally hanging out with white heterosexual males who have the real power. "I suppose my point is that all women – and not just lesbians – are being patronised about what they should and shouldn't know about sex," says Theobald. Biche (French for "chick") being fought over by Penguin and others – includes anecdotes on sex with a sumo wrestler, onanism at a Jean Paul Gaultier party and the secrets of French train toilet cubicles.

WAKE UP to a bright dawn of new jobs. GMTV is today expected to announce who will be the new editor of its breakfast programme. Martin Frizell, currently chief correspondent, was considered for the post. He is married to the GMTV presenter Fiona Phillips. who is expecting his baby. He also has a child with the GMTV executive Margaret Sawdon but, despite his popularity in the office, a GMTV source tells Pandora that a surprise announcement is in the pipeline - that GMTV can do without an editor after all. Meanwhile Helen Morton. currently showbiz correspondent has been filling in as Hollywood reporter, but it is doubtful that she will want to stay in Tinseltown. And a whole range of

celebrity names has been thrown around – probably by their own PRs – with a view to filling in for Ms Phillips.

SPEAKING OF sofa situations, this comfy piece of TV furniture has recently been the subject of some subtle rebranding. When the BBC relaunches its breakfast show, it may decide to create a "soft area". With sofas. Channel 4 News viewers are probably delighted to see Jon Snow perched neatly on what has been referred to as a sofalike "banquette". God forbid the presenters get too comfortable.

MY OUTLOOK on life is completely different now. My feelings towards others have been transformed. I don't think I was a bad person before, but my faith in God has made me a more caring, compassionate, patient person." So said Glenn Hoddle in his autobiography, Spurred to Success. Of course, this was said 12 years ago, so there has been plenty of time for a reincarnation of the spirit.

READERS OF the Evening Standard's ES magazine will no doubt appreciate its feature writer John Gibb's efforts to go "behind the scenes" to expose casino cheats, but does going behind the scenes include going to the cinema? The report reads remarkably like the soliloguy of Robert De Niro (pictured) in the movie Casino. Pandora tried to contact Gibb, only to find that he had left. Perhaps the silver screen has aiready beckoned.

PASSING HARVEY Nichols, in London's Knightsbridge, on the No 10 bus on Friday, Pandora was horrified to see a beautifully stencilled nessage on all windows: "Pardon our appearance

while we redress our windows. Pardon? Pardon? Is that not the absolute worst class, loungeroom, suburban usage? Are not Harvey Nicks' customers brought up from the cradle to say "I beg your pardou" or

"I'm sorry" or "Please excuse me"? There is a shocking lack of standards in Pandora's favourite store.

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Our phoney sentiments for animals

HAVE YOU been to Monkey World yet? The word is that this popular hang-out for primates in Dorsetshire has recently been inundated with visitors eager to see Trudy, the e who was so cruelly misused by that Cruella de Vil of the

moment, Mary Chipperfield.
The roads leading to Monkey World apparently throng with cars bearing "Save Trudy" stickers. Outside the cage where the little creature now lives with her new family, under the care of her adoptive mother Peggy and alpha male Roger, families gather to gawn and gurgle while journalists of the damp Kleenex school squeeze out the kind of gooey, saccharine prose normally reserved for tragic tug-oflove toddlers.

"Trudy went indoors and flopped in the sawdust and the air from the central heating vents sent a sleepy warmth swiring around her," went one account. "Peggy midged her until her tired little head fell comfortably against her chest. Roger looked down from his perch. His family was safe." Meanwhile the Daily Mail's "Safe Home for Trudy" petition has proved to be a great hit among readers.



TERENCE BLACKER

Only when cruelty becomes media-fodder do the British remember that they are animal-lovers

virus originated from one of Trudy's distant cousins in west Africa, once hunted and eaten as bush meat, has pointed up the absurdity of our new phoney sentimentality towards animals. The same type of family punter who visits Monkey World to see primates in cages will also have chortled with pleasure at the sight of dolphins jumping through hoops in some nightmarish pleasure park, and of elephants standing on stools Somehow the news that the HIV in a circus - perhaps Chipperfield's

circus. One of the most successful TV advertisements of recent years has featured chimpanzees whose apparently human grins and grimaces are, in fact, expressions of stress and fear.

It is only when cruelty becomes visible media-fodder that the British remember that they are animal-lovers. So the mistreatment of a donkey in some distant country beaten, starved, or dropped from the top of a tower for obscure religious s - can cause an uproar, while the incomparably more inhumane practice of battery farming in our own country goes unnoticed. After all, we are not obliged to see the means of meat production, merely to benefit from it in our upermarkets. Those enraged by the idea of a fox being himted and killed are utterly indifferent to the depredation of the countryside through intensive farming, the everaccelerating decline of mammal, bird and insect species caused by the grubbing of hedgerows by agribusiness and subsidy-crazed farmers. On the whole, we prefer to be concerned about a little wounded hedgehog that plucks the heartstrings of millions of viewers on one

But there's something particularly unnerving and creepy about contemporary attitudes to the great apes with whom, as we are con-stantly reminded, we share all but 2 per cent of our genetic make-up.

Thanks to the efforts of evolutionary scientists, we have begun to see chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas and orang-utans as honorary humans, uncontaminated by civilisation a late-20th-century version of Jean-Jacques Rousseau's noble savage. There are earnest campaigns to grant the upper primates the same moral rights under law as human beings. In various American universities, academics bully luckless chimpanzees into some form of communication that is recognis-

able to Homo scriens. Of course, the connections may well be there. One study, reported in Robert Wright's The Moral Animal, suggested that promiscuity in human females falls somewhere between that of chimpanzees and gorillas: the tendency of women visiting a singles bar around the time of ovulation to wear more make-up and jewellery than at other times is the equivalent of the vivid genital display of female chimps.

Doubtless, there are those who

will see the astonishing randiness of bonobos, or pygmy champs, who use casual and random sex as a form of social bonding, as justiving similar behaviour in the human

But, together, evolutionary theory and the proliferation of wildlife programmes seem to have distorted our view of the natural world. We are not as other animals. On the whole, we do not kill younger members of our social groupings if they are sired by rival males, as gorillas do sometimes; nor do we hunt down members of close species to our own in the way that champangers do to colobus monkeys.

Those of us who have been lucky enough to see upper primates in the wild are left in no doubt of the vast gap represented by that small genetic difference. In fact, when I saw a group of gorillas, habituated to the presence of humans, in the Virungs mountains of what was then Zaire, it was the behaviour of the human tourists, posing in front of the great silverback as if she were a grand outside Buckingham Palace, that seemed odd.

Even there, a process of domes tication, of Trudification, seemed to be taking effect.

Mr Hague has a message but no one is listening

of Rolf Harris's vet shows.

THAT WILLIAM Hague, he's useless. Good for nothing. Can't remember a single thing he's said. What do they stand for, these Tories? Bring back Maggie. Or Michael Portillo. He's nicer than we thought, isn't he: quite handsome. Did you see him on that programme talking about his dad and the Spanish Revolution? Touching. Funny he never mentioned it all these years. Or maybe that Ken Clarke would be better. Got the common touch, you see. Not like whatshisname.

On the inadequacies of Mr Hague, the nation is united. He confronts the most absorbent government in history - soft, strong and, at this rate, very, very, long. New Labour sucks up other people's ideas promiscuously and turns them into presentational triumphs. Mr Hague's shadow front bench is so motley, illorchestrated and jarringly arrogant of why exactly so many swing voters decided they preferred that nice Mr Blair. His own party members, we revealed on Saturday, don't this camp and faintly hysterical tenrecognise the Shadow Cabinet. Lucky them.

All of this may, however, be dealable with in the fullness of time when it becomes clear that not all of New Labour's promises to create the promised land will be made good. But Mr Hague has a serious problem that may finish him off long before New Labour starts to fatter. He is the victim of rank impossibilism among his prominent supporters and, in particular, the Tory press.

The politics of the impossible have a long history in the Conservative Party Enoch Powell was their most sedulous practitioner. The net effect is to split the party - often up the race row at a time when immigration was in fact decreasing.



ANNE **MCELVOY**

I sense among right wing Tories a death-wish: some will vote Labour at the next election

Margaret Thatcher exploited the irrational streak by building herself up as a goddess whose will none powers to subjugate internal revolt. Even that failed, in the end. John Major could not cope with

dency among his colleagues - an atmosphere extravagantly captured by John Redwood's emanuensis, Hywel Williams, in his demolition of the Major government, Guilty Men. Mr Williams is a witty and unforgiving Cato. But to an outsider, the selfindulgence with which the Eurogovernment is not easily explicable. Didn't they know that Labour was more, not less, likely to take Britain deeper into European institutions?

Even today, I sense among rightwing Tories a kind of death wish. I can't avoid the suspicion that some of them will vote Labour just to finish off Mr Hague at the next election. among absurd lines: Powell struck It is a kind of madness: a glorious, manic defeatism. Taday's Tory impossibilists have discovered the joys

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of sado-masochism, which they practise against the party they are supposed to support.

Mr Blair's official spokesman has been complaining that the press is not entirely on message, what with its having the nerve to report things he did not tell it to. But it is the Tories who have the real media nightmare. Not even "their" newspapers offer any succour. Hague received only belated and lukewarm support for sacking Lord Cranborne, after the peer's gross disloyalty.

At a dinner for Mr Hague, I sat next to an old colleague, a politically influential figure at The Daily Telegraph. A fervent Eurosceptic, he sked the Tory leader whether the wording of a particular passage Hague wanted to renegotiate the pressed on: surely renegotiation ought to be a Tory option? No, repeated Mr Hagne (and now I paraphrase just a bit), the damn treaties were signed, and under Conservative governments at that, so we just

have to live with them. The disappointment from my old friend was palpable. He kept worrying at the precise phrasing for some time. Mr Hague still gave no satisfaction. A frost descended. Poor sceptics helped destroy the Major man: he can't please the Europhiles who want to join a single currency the day before yesterday. But he also can't please those who want him to conduct a jihad against the EU and all its works.

> Too many influential Tory voices want Mr Hague to do several impossible things before breakfast: get out of the European Union, rule out the single currency in perpetuity, oppose the Northern Ireland peace process. That is before you get of the old warhorses.



Mr Hague is finding his party hard to please Martin Godwin

could be taken to mean that Mr to the family fundamentalists who want non-married couples penalised Maastricht or Amsterdam Treaties. through the tax system, a return to Labour steal those ideas, can't be No, replied Mr Hague: that wasn't stigmatising single mothers and a bit sustained. The Tories must give

> Impossibilism is increasingly displayed by the Tory Europhiles, who are behaving as if there were already a breakaway party without having the nerve to get off their back benches and found one. "Any identity of views between me and the Conservative Party is entirely coincidental", announced one of their number recently. In which case, what is he doing occupying a

The management of such irritations is, of course, what a leader is there to do. But a party can be led only if it wants to be led. If it has decided to run amok then he cannot stop it. But he can stop conniving in his own misfortune.

His inner team is young, wonkish and very male, lacking in experience and worldliness. It would not be a bad idea for Mr Hague to spend at least a little time listening to some

Second, failing to engage in a debate about political ideas, lest Third, the embarrassing and unfocused expeditions into nationalist territory, and the blather about Britishness, must be checked. A wise leader knows when to turn back.

Mr Hague is an eloquent defender of the free market, a subject on which the Government is ambiguous. His concerns about democratic accountability; at Westminster and in Europe, are justified. He has ssumed an admirably libertarian stance on social issues and has no truck with the murmured racialism that has for long been allowed to pass without censure in his party. He has always been more liberal than his party on the gay age of consent. A true meritocrat, he is unsullied by the poisonous snobbery that has long been around in the Tory Party.

Hague does have a message worth hearing. Now he must find the words to say it and the mountain-top to shout it from.

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theme was that Britain had pretty much burnt itself out as This dual concern is a cona major industrial force, by this stant theme in egalitarian time, and that hope for the fut-thought, certainly up to ure depended not so much on Bernard Williams's classic the improvements of techpaper The Idea of Equality (1962). Williams argues for the egalitarian view of material distribution, "each according to we are producing things in their need", on the grounds scribing a society which, he obthat other policies are insufficiently governed by reason and are thus irrational. viously thinks, is manifestly unequal in many ways. What, in detail, is the remedy for this?

This argument was countered with great force by the lib-Perhaps Tawney's real view is that while equality of wealth is very important, it is not the ertarian philosopher Robert Nozick Nozick argued that galitarian theories of distrib-I take Tawney to mean that utive justice proceed as if goods fell to earth like manna from heaven; as if all consumwe can put goods into at least two classes. In one class are those where, if one person is to able products existed in a "big social pot" and we should sit there waiting for our share to

be allocated to us. Consider Aesop's fable of the grasshopper and the ants. One fine day in winter, some ants were busy drying their store of corn, which had got rather ter?" "The fact is," replied the damp during a long spell of grasshopper, "I was so busy



Some rules for a society of equals

JONATHAN WOLFF

From a lecture delivered by the reader in philosophy at University College, London

rain. Presently, up came a grasshopper and begged them to spare her a few grains. "For," she said, "I'm simply The ants stopped work for a

moment, though this was against their principles. "May we ask," said they, "what you were doing with yourself all last summer? Why didn't you collect a store of food for the win-

singing that I hadn't the time." "If you spent the summer singing," replied the ants, "you can't do better than spend the winter dancing." And they chuckled and went on with their work.

We may not all admire the ants' rather sadistic lack of hard to say that the grassfor a share in the ants' product, still less an equal share. It seems to me that in the

last 20 years or so, many theorists and politicians have become obsessed with the sort of issues that come to the fore in thinking about this fable. Although he may not wish to

put it exactly in these terms himself, Ronald Dworkin's position is that the requirement of egalitarian justice is to even up fortune and misfortune that are the result of good and bad luck, but not to even up fortune and misfortune that are the result of good and bad choices.

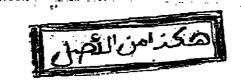
Or, to put this proposition in a slightly different way, it is a requirement of egalitarian justice that undeserved (and only undeserved) disadvantage should be rectified.

This sorts out the ants and

the grasshopper nicely. The grasshopper is starving because of her bad choice of singing rather than working over the summer. Had she failed to work because she didn't have the ability to, or had the ability but no access to land, the case would be very difcharity here, but it seems very ferent. But the ants would have no obligation to, as Dworkin hopper has any claim in justice puts it, "subsidise her choices".

What we should appreciate, though, is how such a view would be applied in practice. You will be entitled to welfare benefits only if you can show that you lack the opportunities that others have bad; this, after all, is what makes the difference in the cases where we think the grasshopper is, and is not, entitled to support

One thing that is remarkable about this is that such highly conditional systems of benefit were once considered right-wing policies. My own view is that contemporary eg have forgotten half of Tawncy's teachings. Conditional benefits can create social division and humiliation. A society of equals would have less inquisitive welfare



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The past two years have brought shocks that were once inconceivable: the experts have been wrong

LAST SATURDAY evening, at about 11 o'clock, guests at the Davos World Economic Forum were serenaded in a small, smoke-filled room by an unannounced singer. His name was Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister. On stage with him were a few Russian bankers ("Of course I have to join in - he is my chief," said one), and at least one top US executive. No. I didn't take part, but Davos is the only place on earth where you could conceivably sing on stage with a former head of the KGB.

The Davos forum is extraordinary in that more of the world's leading politicians and business people gather there than on any other occasion. Brits include Gordon Brown and Princess Anne, who closes the event later today. From America came Al Gore and Robert Rubin. From Germany, there was Gerhard Schröder.

Virtually all the big names of geopolitics were there: Kofi Annan, Nelson Mandela, Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres... Among the intellectual leaders there were so many Nobel Prize winners that the bookshop had a special section for them. The only corners that seemed to me to be under-represented were the sports and entertainment worlds, though Jane Fonda and Warren Beatty did come by.

This agglomeration of big names - the fact that so many of them should think it useful to come to Davos - raises two key questions. First, why do they come? And second, what are they saying that is new or that tells us something important about the state of the world? There are, for the big-wigs, at

least three reasons for being in Davos. It is, for a start, a tremendously efficient way of meeting oble you need to see. The heads of multinationals can chat with a dozen or more economics ministers in the various countries in which they operate. That can open a door at the ministries for their staff to bring up any particular problems they may have. The more global the market economy, the more a business has to have these relations: and it simply would not be physically possible for the top brass to get around to all the people they need

ment and currency flows dominate economies, the politicians need to meet business leaders to try to comprehend them. A young Russian banker explained how Primakov

simply to attract inward investment, making speeches about the excellence of their country and their stewardship of it. Third, people come because of the club atmosphere of the event. The fact that people can meet informally and in private means that they don't have to commit themselves to any hard positions. If you disagree with a view, you don't need to get upset by it. I did not find that many of the bankers agreed with the attack on financial markets made by Mohamed Mahathir, Prime Minister of Malaysia, but in

are always the club bores. Of course, this can all seem terribly self-congratulatory, even selfindulgent. But to focus on that side

Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian prime minister, left, shakes hands with US Vice-President Al Gore at the Davos forum in Switzerland

Next, in a world where investneeded to understand how people from the private sector in the West thought, for he had no previous experience of that. Other politicians are more direct: they are trying

the club atmosphere of Davos people were prepared to be polite about his views. In any club there

of the event misses its significance. The world is a global market, and at the margin it can be made to run better if the different players can meet on neutral ground.

So what was new? Several middlingly important things and one big one. Among the middlingly important was the clear desire of Russia to get itself back into some sort of dialogue with the West. I believe the Primakov government had no inkling of the impact its effective default last summer would have on its relations with the West. Now it is trying to struggie back. It will be helped by the quality of the next generation of its elite: young, welleducated, thoughtful - thoughtful. that is, about the enormous scale of the tasks before them.

A clear age clash is taking place in Europe, with the present generation of leaders preening themselves about the success of the euro, and the next generation profoundly critical of European unemployment levels, its inability to reform its welfare system, and its lack of entrepreneurship. A paper by some younger European leaders, called Wake Up, Europe!, was dismissed by the senior panellists in one session, but aroused great interest among the younger business people.

Other aspects of the conference were predictable, but interesting nonetheless. As you might expect, there seemed to be fewer people from the emerging economies of East Asia, and fewer from Japan. Countries that are struggling with domestic economic problems tend not to want to ship out their top brass. Many more North American corporations were there (Bill Gates for starters), a sign of just how seriously US business is looking at opportunities in Europe.

But the really big new thing that I, at least, had not appreciated was just how concerned the US administration has become about the sustainability (or rather, non-sustainability) of global growth. Japan is heading on down, and growth in Europe is slowing. The only big country that is charging on is the US, and that is at the cost of a yawning current account deficit.

You might expect the US administration to be cheerful about the durability of the long American boom. But while its representatives have certainly been more cheerful than the Japanese, Al Gore, Robert Rubin and his deputy Larry Summers - all in different ways - came out with the same message: the US cannot continue to pull along the rest of the world economy. Something is going to give.

it was more worrying for the rest of us when the Americans were not worried. But there is a clear disconnection between the enthusiasm of the US financial markets and the concern of the US administration. There is something even bigger here, a feeling of fin de siècle.

Davos was the setting for Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain: the world of bustling commerce, globalisation, and a Swiss TB sanatorium that was swept away by the First World War. Up in the Alps, in calm, prosperous Switzerland, it is hard sometimes to appreciate just how fragile the world economy may have become. If you are part of the struggling

middle class in many east Asian countries and have seen 10 years of your savings swept away in a few short months, you feel quite differently about the supposed benefits of being part of this single global economy. Indeed, there was a demonstration against the global economy in Davos on Saturday, though the main effect was simply to make the delegates walk around the town instead of taking their

buses - the roads were closed and the demonstrators kept well away. In one sense, this is encouraging: The people who go to Davos are at the top of the pile. Some display the arrogance that you might expect from people who take themselves very seriously. But many others

seem uncomfortable about the future. Maybe it was the nagging concern that the world economy as a whole cannot prosper if large parts of it remain in recession. Maybe it is the perception that going global does not itself deliver an acceptable degree of social equality. Maybe it is simply that the past two years have brought shocks that would have seemed almost inconceivable: the experts have been wrong. None of this means that there is

necessarily a great catastrophe looming. But the more thoughtful people seem uneasy. As anyone who skis will recognise, there is something about being up in the mountains that makes you feel that the problems are all down at sealevel, and everything up here will be all right. This year there is a rumble of distant thunder to be heard even in Davos.

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The vice-chairman of the British Egg Industry Council

replies to our leading article on battery hens CONSUMERS BUY eggs from all types of production systems so they have a choice. Eggs are one of the most nutritious foods you can buy. They are an excellent source of protein and are rich in vitamins and minerals.

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The British Egg Industry Council (BEIC) already advocates the highest standards of animal welfare through its Lion Code of Practice.

The vote taken by the European Parliament to ban laying cages across Europe from 2009 is only an opinion to the Council of Ministers. A total ban on caged egg production would be impractical, as no other production system can meet consumer demand for cheap, nutritious, quality eggs.

Conversion of all hens housed in laying cages to free range would cost the UK industry approximately £700m. There would be an increase in costs in all systems.

It is vital that any legislation is enforced EU-wide to prevent cheaper eggs being imported from member states with lower animal welfare standards. Imports from outside Europe, with lower standards, should be banned.

The report re-released by Compassion in World Farming relating to osteoporosis in hens is 10 years old. The UK egg industry produced a code of practice that specified the most welfare-friendly methods of handling hens. Research has shown that implementing the code has improved the welfare of laying hens.

The rot began with Henry VIII

VIRTUE IS an interesting word. It can mean moral goodness or it can men the essence or power of something, as in "the virtue of steel is strength and malleability". Citizenship is also an interesting - and tricky word. It can mean simply the legal inhabitance of a state or, in the Greek and Roman republican tradition, action with others for the common good.

The Romans had it both ways. Virtu - derived from vir, meaning man or manliness - came to mean the will and capacity for public affairs before and capacity its plante for moral attributes. By the late 18th century, toasts were moved at opposition dinners in England "to Christian and Roman virtues combined". Machiavelli had taken the view that Christian virtues (such as humility,



TUESDAY POEM

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BY PAUL HENRY

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TUESDAY BOOK

CITIZEN VIRTUES: A NEW PATTERN FOR LIVING

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forgiveness and otherworldliness) had sapped civic virtues: the courage and will to create or sustain republics. Manliness, then? Unhappily, yes. But Machiavelli did give an example

of a woman with virtu. Her husband absent, the Countess Katharina was besieged. The attackers had seized her young sons and said they would kill them unless she surrendered the citadel. But she "exposed herself on the battlements" (exposed her

"memberi sexuali", says the Italian) and replied that she would bear other sons to bring revenge. The besiegers

Lord Alton, formerly the Liberal MP. is not talking about that kind of virtue. To a fault, his loud cry is for the greater exercise of the virtues of a good life generally Christian, at times specifically Catholic when it comes to marriage, contraception and abortion - and to bewail the collapse of social morality. The rot began long ago, when Henry VIII began his assault on marriage and the family". Ever since, "successive government interventions have made matters worse". We have talked enough about rights; so

now for our duties. There is much one can agree with in David Alton's forceful tract. He deplores the deliberate running-down of local government; the ethics of public and private organisations that laud individual choice over the common good; the lack of citizenship teaching in so many schools; and the attempt by the parties to monopolise political participation and loyalty. But I quote that quaint business about Henry VIII as a consumer warning of the many bees a-buzzing in this good man's bonnet. He does not always recognise that one person's honey is another's poison

These 160 pages show him besotted with the didactic fashion for "bayonet points": short, punchy assertions meant to be self-evident. This is a clear text, but not particularly deeply reasoned. Talleyrand once said of Napoleon that he forgot you could



Exercising the virtues of a good life

do anything with bayonets - except sit on them. We are given showers of examples of the horrors of today, footnoted to sensational accounts in the popular press. But is our society more depraved than in the past? Or is it simply more intolerant of violence, child buse and murder? I find it hard to locate the "good old days" in the crowds

at Tyburn and Newgate. Alton has a bold moral fervour, but a sad lack of historical perspective and, at times, of common sense. The facts he bayonets us with are all true, as are the arresting tales of "welfare scroungers". But how typical are these lurid cases of abortions needlessly counselled, and so on?

Alton quotes with relish Disraeli's view of "lies, damned lies and statistics", and adds that "he might have said the same about academic reports for government departments". That kind of sweeping generalisation is irresponsible. It belongs as much to what Alton calls "the new irrationalism" as any of the alternative-lifers or postmodern trendies who see no grounds for "discriminatory" judgement in art or morality.

Lord Alton holds a new chair in cit-

izenship at the Liverpool John Moores University. He is organising great things by stirring local schools to engage in volunteer work, and to raise questions of value throughout the curriculum. But I worry that his idea of teaching values always aims towards "a consensus". After all, we live in a society in which individuals, and groups of different kinds, hold differ-

Aristotle said that Plato made the mistake of "trying to reduce harmony to unison"; in other words, to abolish rather than to civilise politics. The aim of a citizenship education cannot be to resolve all conflicts of value, but to encourage democratic institutions with those values - such as tolerance and understanding - that allow controversies to be conducted peacefully. All the recent reports of national citizenship bodies - such as the one I chaired for the Department for Education and Employment - share this broad perspective. All of them David Alton ignores. Moving straight from a seat to a chair, he boldly reinvents the wheel for himself. If its path is too virtuous to be called crooked, it is certainly eccentric.

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Philip Mason

PHILIP MASON will be remembered first and foremost as a writer of history, not of the exhaustively researched, academic kind addressed to fellow specialists, but sound, well-redected, worldly-wise history, beautifully written and effortlessly read, such as appeals to people of experience in every walk of life. Less well-known, but no less important, was his career as an outstandingly able member of the Indian Civil Service during the 20 years leading up to Indian independence, and also his pioneering work in promoting the study of racial and minority problems as the founding director of the Institute of Race Relations.

Mason was born in 1906, the son of a country doctor in the Derbyshire hills, who sent him to Sedbergh School and on to Ballio! College, Oxford, where he took a first class degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1928, and served successively as Assistant Magistrate in the United Provinces. Under-Secretary in the War Department. Deputy Commissioner in the Himalayan district of Garhwal - a remote, sub-Himalayan district of more than 5.000 square miles - Deputy Secretary in the Defence and War Department. Secretary to the Chiefs of Statt Committee and finally as Joint Secretary to the War Department, when his highly promising career was ended by Indian independence.

During the war years he had worked closely with Wavell and later with Mountbatten, and there could surely have been a continuing future for him in some other part of the Commonwealth or else in the rapidly expanding field of diplomacy, had he chosen to go that way. Instead, he decided for early retirement with his wife and four children to a smallholding in the west of England, where they hoped, with the help of his ready pen, to make ends meet.

It was a gamble and it did not work. The books came - seven novels and two volumes of The Men Who Ruled India tas The Founders and The Guardians were called when reprinted as one volume in 1985), about the major figures of the Indian Civil Service, all published under the pen name of Philip Woodruff be-

tween 1945 and 1954. But the financial return did not meet the needs of a family of six, and in 1952 he found part-time employment at the Royal Institute of International Affairs as Director of Studies in the newly established field of Race Relations.

It became his business both to undertake research himself and also to seek out, and guide towards publication, scholarly work in a variety of disciplines which had a bearing on racial problems. For his own first study he chose Southern Rhodesia, which was just then entering upon a highly controversial federation with Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. In The Birth of a Dilemma (1958)

His autobiography breathes the romance of empire - long days in the saddle and long evenings by the camp fire

he presented brilliantly the predicaments involved in the creation of a colony of settlement in a land already well occupied by indigenous populations. The successor volume called The Two Nations he left to a younger colleague, but himself contributed the third and most contemporary, The Year of Decision (1960).

Meanwhile, in London his post at Chatham House was burgeoning into the directorship of an independent Institute of Race Relations, for which he had not only to devise the programme but also to find the supporting funds. He still managed to have long weekends at home in the country for reading and writing, but

his mid-weeks were busy with people.

A great believer in personal visits, he became a well-known figure in the offices of the international mining. banking and trading companies in the City of London and in those of the great charitable foundations. And he



Mason and his wife, Mary, at Lansdowne in Garhwal, in the Himalayan foothills, where he was Deputy Commissioner, 1937

was to be seen early and late dispensing hospitality, though always with a serious purpose, to guests at the Athenaeum and Travellers' clubs.

The first large project of the new institute was the report Colour and Citizenship in 1969 by Jim Rose and Nicholas Deakin. It was prompted by the large migration from the Caribbean and its sometimes ugly repercussions in British politics, and it did much to calm the atmosphere of public debate on British racial issues. From here Mason's interests

moved increasingly towards Latin America, where he set in motion several studies and travelled extensively himself with results that were apparent in Patterns of Dominance (1970), the last of his books to be written for the institute before he retired from the directorship in 1969.

He left behind him an apparently flourishing enterprise, with a mag-nificent record of sponsored publi-

cations and a promising team of six young research fellows to carry things forward. It was a sadness to him to watch his creation disintegrate as it fell victim to the academic dis-

turbances of the next three years. Nine more books were to follow during the first 15 years of Mason's retirement before blindness drew its curtain on his literary work. They included a short history of the Indian Army, A Matter of Honour (1974), a life of Kipling, The Glass, the Shadow and the Fire (1975), his Bampton lectures published as The Dove in Harness (1976), and two delightful volumes of autobiography A Shaft of Sunlight (1978) and A

Thread of Silk (1984). The first concerns his Indian years and breathes the romance of empire (at least for those who ruled), with long days in the saddle and long evenings by the camp fire listening to the varied problems of

his Indian clients. The second, necessarily less glamorous in content, centres on the world of ideas, institutions, and family.

Both are notable for the frank discussion of the part played in his life by his deep commitment to the Christian religion. For most of it he was an Anglo-Catholic, prepared for adult life by the Cowley Fathers, and with a faith much strengthened during a period of temporary blindness caused by a shooting accident in 1941, when his wife Mary read to him daily from the New Testament and they discussed its contents together.

During the institute years he wrote and lectured on Christianity and race. In 1975 he was invited to give the Bampton lectures at Oxford. But as Anglo-Catholics in an ordinary country parish, he and Mary increasingly felt themselves to be schismatics within an already schismatic church. At last in 1978, when

he was 72, they decided to rejoin the mainstream as Roman Catholics.

The decision crystallised during a holiday in Venice, where they had sat together rapt in contemplation of Titian's altarpiece of the Assumption in the church of the Fran and he said to her, "I believe in that picture." Soon after their return home he said to her at breakfast, "Why don't we do it today?", and she

replied, "Why not, indeed."

It was a characteristic decision, swiftly taken, even after half a century of searching, and it was adhered to with confidence to the end.

ROLAND OLIVER

Philip Mason, colonial civil servant and writer: born London 19 March 1906; OBE 1942; CIE 1946; Director, Institute of Race Relations 1958-69: FRSL 1976; married 1935 Mary Hayes (two sons, two daughters); died Cambridge 25 January 1999.

Joan Cooper

SOCIAL WORK is everyday news as we approach the Millermium and it must be difficult for people to imag. ine that it was not always so. Joan Cooper played a leading role in many aspects of it, particularly child care, for 50 years during which major changes took place. Children mattered to her not only collectively, but as individuals.

She was born at the beginning of

the First World War. After high school in Manchester she graduated in arts and history from Man-chester University and completed training as a teacher. At 27 she became an Assistant Director of Education in Derbyshire and acquired invaluable experience of local government while the war progressed and post-war Britain began to be planned and achieved.

During the war the fate of Britain's disadvantaged children was seen to be for worse than previously acknowledged. Evacuation revealed acute poverty, significant areas of neglect and the particular plight of children who "were deprived of a normal home life". For them the rigours of the Poor Law - harsh physical conditions, poor staffing ratios and institutional living standards were still commonplace and even voluntary organisations could be Dickensian in their methods.

Post-war legislation to change Britain's health, education and social services included the Children Act 1948, a landmark in abolishing the Poor Law and introducing a service for "deprived children" which would offer them care and opportunities like other children. The key figures in these changes would be Children's Officers in charge of new Children's Departments in each local authority, with a remit for enthusiasm, pioneering new methods and personal commitment to individual children. Cooper became a Children's Officer

She played an important role in the Children's Officers Association, which became an instrument for debate and development with the Home Office, local authorities and other professions. On the association's executive she helped to inaugurate in 1963 what is now the National Children's Bureau, a voluntary organisation attracting all professional groups and interests in children and their needs and promoting research, development and

good practice. In 1965 Cooper became Chief In-spector in the Home Office Children's Department. This meant that, as well as responsibility for inspection of all childcare services, she had power to influence important developments such as the Children and Young more enlightened attitude to young offenders, and the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, which centralised social services into one department in each local authority.

Alongside a charismatic Under-Secretary, Derek Morrell, she initiated imaginative work through the Community Development Project, the Inspectorate's Development Group which published many innovative reports and documents and the Youth Treatment Centres focused on a sensitive, inter-disciplinary approach to young offenders.

Social Services organisational changes locally and centrally in 1971 War with a Chant funebre for cello | took Cooper and the Inspectorate to join the DHSS Social Welfare Service. She had to weld into a united body two professional groups with very difas the Missa solemnis (1947), the ferent approaches. This mirrored local authorities' struggles in setting up Social Services Departments and required all her experience and skill

When retirement came in 1976 she undertook a year's training as a mature student at the National Institute for Social Work to prepare for the next stage of her life, and be back in touch with the grass roots. Responsibilities in later years included chairing the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, 1984-86, and Parents for

Children, 1979-87. Joan Cooper was a very private person. For her, social work was a moral activity and she fiercely supported its ethical context in a period of considerable turbulence. She had no time for "fudge" and shallow thinking; she looked realities straight in the eye with a remorseless intellectual approach which was sometimes uncomfortable but always valuable. Personally she was kind and concerned for individuals and friends. It is a fitting bottom line that in 1998, at 84, she put energy and ideas into the celebrations involved in the initiative "50 Years of Child Care 1948-1998".

Barbara Kahan

Joan Davies Cooper, childcare administrator: born Manchester 12 August 1914: Assistant Director of Education, Derbyshire County Council 1941-48; Children's Officer, East Susser County Council 1948-65; Vice-President. National Children's Bureau 1964-99; Chief Inspector. Children's Department. Home Office 1965-71; Director, Social Work Service, DHSS 1971-76; Honorary Research Fellow, Susser University 1979-99; died Brighton 15

Jacques Chaillev

JACQUES CHAILLEY was a powerful force in the musical life of France for over half a century, and in several capacities. He will best remembered outside France as a musicologist of wide sympathies and considerable insight, and inside the "hexagon", as the French like to describe their territory, as a driving force in erecting the academic infrastructure on which the intellectual side of French musical life now rests. Whether his music will get a chance to overshadow those other reputations remains to be seen.

Chailley had a most musical beginning: he was the son of the violinist Marcel Chailley and the planist Celiny Chailley-Richez, who was a pupil of Raou! Pugno and a favourite pianist of the great Romanian composer George Enescu.

Between 1925 and 1927 he took private lessons from Nadia Boulanger. and from 1933 to 1935 he studied composition at the Paris Conservatoire with Henri Busser and, again privately, with Claude Delvincourt). His conducting teachers were no less prominent: first (1935-36), in Amsterdam. Willem Mengelberg and Bruno Walter, and the next year Pierre Monteux. From 1930 to 1936 he was also steeped in the study of musicology. All the while another im- choral classes, and in 1952, boosted



portant element was being fed into his make-up: for four years, from 1932, he attended courses on French medieval literature.

Chailley's teaching career began in the Lycée Pasteur in 1936, though almost as soon he was working at the Sorbonne, gradually moving up through the ranks, becoming a full professor in 1952. In 1947, meanwhile, he was also appointed deputy director of the Paris Conservatoire, where he had been leading the by the successful defence of his the- under scrutiny in his influential sis L'École musicale de Saint-Martial de Lunoges jusqu'à la fin du XIe siècle (one of two theses he presented for his PhD), he founded the Institute of Musicology at the Université de Paris. In 1962 he took over the helm of the Schola Cantorum. founded by Vincent d'Indy and others in 1894 to foster the traditionalist teachings of César Franck - indeed, Chailley was to have little truck with the serialism that became fashionable after the Second World War.

In 1969, in the reforms which followed the student protests the previous year, he became the founder and first director of the Department of Music and Musicology at the Sorbonne (Paris IV, as it was known), retiring in 1979 to pick up his composing pen again. Under his leadership the Sorbonne department became the largest in France, in the number of teachers and students.

Chailley's teaching was accompanied by enthusiastic activity as a writer, both of technical, analytical papers and of books and articles for a wider musical public, on, for example, Bach, Bartók, Debussy, Haydn, Mozart, Rameau, Schubert, Schumann and Wagner. He married his medieval interests with his analytical ability to put analysis itself

Traité historique d'analyse musicale (1951), which is full of novel theoretical insights. Indeed, it was his ability to see music across the ages, as an art in evolution, that marked his most original contributions to scholarship, in such works as Formation et transformations du langage musical and Eléments de philologie musicale, where he attempted to establish how the language of music had evolved.

The same inclusiveness marked his controversial "théorie de la resonance", which holds that the historical acceptance of intervals as consonant followed the order of the harmonics: octave, fifth, major third, and so on. His Imbroolio des modes (1960) again married historical perspective with analytical perception to examine how the Middle Ages had misunderstood the ancient Greeks' "modes", the forerunners of the major and minor keys which emerged with the end of the Renaissance.

But Chailley's wide sympathies made sure his academic pursuits were not the dusty lucubrations of some dry theorist: it was just as natural for him to write a Petite Histoire de la chanson populaire française (1942) as to examine Les Notations musicales nouvelles (1950).

His own music-making helped keep his feet firmly on the ground, too. In 1933 he founded his first choir the Psallette Notre-Dame, to revive medieval music, and a group called the Théophiliens to restore Graeco-Latin and medieval theatre to performance, and he directed the choral society Alauda from 1946 to 1961. During the occupation he deployed his abilities to a rather different end: having been captured by the Germans on 18 June 1940 and managing to escape the following day, he joined his old teacher Claude Delvincourt in trying to protect Con-servatoire students threatened with deportation; and in 1943, at the sug-

movement of musiciens résistants. Jacques Chailley's own music reflects his historical sympathies, in a style that owes something to Duruflé, Ravel and Honegger, with a flavouring of Fauré and Françaix. His earliest works are informed with elements of Gregorian chant and French folk music, and though his harmonic language grew more complex as he evolved, modality was a fairly constant feature, bringing a

stion of the conductor Roger Dé-

sormières, he joined an underground

timeless quality to many of his scores. They include two symphonies (1942-47 and 1980), two operas, Pan

et la Syrinx (1946) and Thyl de Flondre (1949-54), an antiquarian ballet. La Dame à la licorne ("The Lady with the Unicorn"; 1953), to a scenario by Cocteau, and incidental music to four plays. His Contique du soleil (1934) was one of the first works to use the ondes martenot, an instrument to which he returned with panache in his Suite sons prétention pour Monsieur de Molière (1955). Among other chamber-music pieces are a string quartet (1936) and a viola sonata (1939-41), and he

greeted the end of the Second World and piano. His religious conviction was given voice in choral works. some of them on a large scale, such Messe française (1976) and the oratorio Casa Dei (1991).

Little of this generous output has been heard for a while now But it does not deserve oblivion. Perhaps Chailley's death will provide the stimulus that brings his music back to life. MARTIN ANDERSON

Jacques Chailley, musicologist, teacher and composer, born Paris 24 March 1910, married 1938 Hélène Pompei (two sons, one daughter); died Montpellier, France 21 January 1999.

Prince Lincoln

THE JAMAICAN singer Prince Lincoln was one of a handful of committed Rastafarian artists responsible for raising the profile of reggae in Europe after moving to

London in the late 1970s. Lincoln Thompson's piercing falsetto and imaginative phrasing gave his work a sense of urgency and conviction, reaching audiences otherwise disinterested in the genre. His emotive live performances were captivating and as consistently strong as his recorded work. With his tall frame and long dreadlocks he conveyed an image of strength that supported the gravity of his lyrics. Thompson was also a respected member of London's Rastafarian community, his prominent involvement reflecting his humility and overriding religious commitment.

member of the Tartans with Cedric Myton, Devon Russell and Lindburgh "Preps" Lewis. Their 1966 début, "Dance All Night", recorded at Federal studio, went straight to No 1 in Jamaica, and the anti-rudeboy "What Can I Do" was also highly popular. A move to Treasure Isle resulted in the hit "Far Beyond the Sun" for the producer Duke Reid, and subsequent material was cut for Caltone while the group was being managed by Caltone's proprietor Ken Lack. By the end of the decade they were at Studio One, Kingston's premier recording facility, creating songs like "School Days" and "Solid as a Rock" which they licensed to the King label in England.

In the early Seventies, Thompson recorded a trio of hit singles as a solo artist at Studio One; the moving "Daughters of Zion" was particularly He began his singing career as a

strong, and referred to Thompson's Rastafarian faith. Later in the decade, he founded the God Sent label as a vehicle for his work, and began issuing material under the moniker Royal Rasses, using Myton then leader of the Congos - and the fellow Studio One singer Jennifer Lara for harmonies.

The uplifting "Love the Way it Should Be" was highly popular with the British reggae audience, as was "Kingston 11", Thompson's rendering of the ghetto in which he grew up. The success of these singles led to a contract with Ballistic Records, a UK subsidiary of the United Artists label about the time Thompson moved to London; the resultant 1979 Humanity album is a classic that greatly raised the profile of reggae outside Jamaica, its heavy publicity attracting a new audience to the genre.

A successful tour spread the reggae flame through Europe, while further hits such as "San Salvador" drew attention to a range of social iniustices, including the disastrous US foreign policy implemented in the Caribbean and Central America during the Cold War.

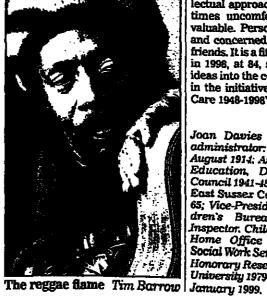
As the Rasses' audience grew, Thompson attempted to broaden his focus by drawing from mainstream styles, but the 1980 Experience album proved less successful. Roots Man Blues (1981) saw Thompson stretching reggae's boundaries through an inspired collaboration with the jazz/pop singer Joe Jack-son, but the collapse of Ballistic coincided with a disillusionment that resulted in a long break

from recording. Though never entirely absent

volved in the reggae musical Block Heroes in the Holl of Forne, and with sporadic performances, Prince Lincoln became involved in communiventures and eventually opened the Rasses Fish Market in north London. When he returned to the studio in 1996 to cut the 21st Century album, his song-writing skills and vocal delivery proved to be undi-minished, and the mature and thoughtful release remains popular.

Prince Lincoln was committed to creating music of quality, and his falsetto and understated delivery remain a source of inspiration to upcoming talent, particularly in the UK. DAVID KATZ

Lincoln Thompson (Prince Lincoln), singer: born Kingston, Jamaica 10 July 1949; married; from the music scene, being in- died London 14 January 1999.



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Dr Jonathan Levi

JONATHAN LEVI was an inspired appointment as physician and gastroenterologist to the Northwick Park Hospital site in 1969.

This was an experiment to bring together research and the treatment of examon diseases in a new district gen-der hospital and Medical Research Council (MRC)-sponsored Clinical Research Centre (CRC) built on waste land said to have once been Harrow School's golf course. Over the years Levi crossed seamlessly the divide between successful clinical practice and research, making many important scientific contributions to the literature. More recently he was pivotal in another first, the relocation of an entire hospital to the site. namely St Mark's Hospital, renowned for its expertise in large bowel disorders.

Born in 1933, the son of David Levi, a distinguished general surgeon, Jon Levi was educated at Westminster School, then studied Medicine at Trinity College, Cambridge, and Westminster Hospital, where he met his future wife, Mary. His credentials were impeccable for establishing a centre of gastroenterology - an MD thesis at the Royal Free Hospital on drug metabolism in the liver guided by Dame Sheila Sherlock, and a period with Sir Francis Avery Jones at

Central Middlesex Hospital.

He was appointed to Northwick Park directly from his Nuffield Fellowship at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, where he worked with Professor Irwin M. Arias. There he discovered two significant Z and Y intra-cellular liver proteins involved in bile and drug uptake. When Northwick Park opened in 1970, Levi began dismantling the planners' rather dismal scheme for centralised administration. He promulgated a system of speciality-based units directed to the highest standard of patient care and with each speciality enthusiastic to assist each other. He even persuaded the new gastroenterological surgeon to run a mixed medical-surgical ward with synchronous ward rounds -

a novel arrangement, but effective. Levi's talent was to translate bedside clinical observation into scientific research. He built up a large NHS and private clinical and endoscopic practice for patients with liver and gastrointestinal disorders, using it as a base for his scientific studies, yet worrying over perplexing clinical problems. His avuncular and · \approach, and his sartorial elegance,

encouraged patient confidence whilst injecting humour into consultations. As a teacher his calls to "educate the

young" resounded through the bospital He establishing a thriving group of young clinical researchers. The clinical discoveries he inspired and published included the role of an elemental diet in the treatment of acute Crohn's disease. The realisation that a drug commonly used in the therapy of ulcerative colitis caused reversible male infertility brought happiness to many previously childless marriages. There were also original contributions on the small bowel complications of the ubiquitous non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and the effects

of alcohol on red blood cell morphology. Levi's vision and negotiating skills, with the underlying strength of gastroenterology on site, played a crucial role in attracting St Mark's Hospital to the campus when the MRC closed the Clinical Research Centre in 1994.

Although Levi was not overtly religious, his Judaism expressed itself in his passionate attachment to his family. He had been close to verifying that David Levi (1742-1801), a printer, scholar and tutor in classical Hebrew to George III, was his direct ancestor. He was a gifted photographer, connoisseur of Oriental carpets and he planted and nurtured a small woodland where he reared sheep.

He was forced to retire in October 1997 because of pancreatic cancer. His fascination with craftsmanship had made him a collector of treen (pre-Victorian British turned wooden objects), and a leisurely retirement objective was to write the first colour illustrated book on treen for 25 years. It was a race against time. In three months the scholarly and elegant Treen for the Tuble, was complete; it was published in April 1998.

In the same period he supervised the establishment of an art collection to enliven the corridor of his old ward area and was able to attend the opening of the modernised Jonathan Levi Clinical Lecture Theatre at Northwick Park and St Mark's, renamed to recognise his contribution to the growth of the site to a major player in British clinical medicine. ASHLEY PRICE

Alfred Jonathan Levi, physician and gastroenterologist: born London 27 July 1933; married 1964 Mary Cartmel (one son, three daughters); died

London 4 January 1999.



Dr A. J. Levi - Polishing Treen, portrait of her father by Sophie Levi

Rear-Admiral Roy Foster-Brown

ROY FOSTER-BROWN is instantly remembered for three things - his long stint as Home Fleet Signals Officer in 1939 as Command Signal Officer to succes- and in 1940 was mentioned in despatchsive Commanders-in-Chief, Western es for his work in the Norwegian cam-Approaches (1940-44), his command of the 6th Frigate squadron which eventually found the sunken submarine Affray (in 1951), and for his narration

of the television series Sea War in 1960. He was born Roy Brown 95 years ago and joined the service in 1917 from the N colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth. lis first ship was the new 6in-gun cruisr Diomede on the China station, an apointment at a distance which might stonish the junior officer of today. He eraed in submarines before qualifying s Specialist in Signals in 1930. After 10re sea time in destroyers he became ag lieutenant to Rear-Admiral (later dmiral Sir James) Somerville, then RA estroyers in the Mediterranean, his ag in the light cruiser Galatea.

In 1933 he and Joan Foster were mared, and at the suggestion of his fatherı-law, whose offspring were all nighters, took the name Foster-Brown.

He went on to the battleship Nelson paign before going ashore to Derby House in Liverpool for four years. Admiral Sir Max Horton was a hard taskmaster and Foster-Brown was not altogether sorry to escape to sea as executive officer of the light cruiser Ajax, which had helped to contain the Graf Spee in the war's first winter. He was promoted to Captain in 1946 after only five years as a Commander, and served in the Admiralty as Director of the Air Organisation department before returning to sea in command of the 6th Frigate squadron.

Affroy had sailed from Gosport on 16 April 1951 with 23 officers under training on board. When she failed to report her position next day, and to acknowledge any signals, the emergency general message Submiss - a submarine is overdue - was made and a massive search mounted, centred in the vicinity of Start Point where she was expected.

No trace was found, and by the eveof the operation. Foster-Brown's flotilla persisted. The wreck had to be found. They steamed 23,800 nautical miles in an area of 6,000 square miles until Foster-Brown deduced that they should search elsewhere, in the Hurd Deep, a deep trench west of the Channel Isles. There, late in June, they found her in 46 fathoms, nearly 40 miles from her last known position. Her ventilating mast, the Dutch device nicknamed the Schnorkel, which allowed boats to run on their diesel engines while submerged, was broken off, and she would have flooded very quickly.

Foster-Brown was concerned that his flotilla's work was never recognised or acknowledged and when he returned to the Admiralty in 1952 as Director of the Signals Division he sent for the pack, or file, on the subject to satisfy his curiosity. To his amazement, he found that a contemporary, like him approaching consideration for advancement to the flag list, had not only represented himself as

responsible for the finding of the Affroy ning of the 19th urgency had gone out but also recorded that it was at his suggestion that Foster-Brown looked where he did. Such behaviour seems almost incredible and one wonders how it was dealt with; Foster-Brown became a Rear-Admiral in 1955 and his rival did not, which was some consolation.

By that time, Foster-Brown had commanded the Colony-class cruiser Ceylon, which escorted the Queen on her Commonwealth tour in the chartered SS Gothic, temporarily commissioned as a Royal Yacht, whereafter, safely on the flag list, her Captain became Flag Officer Gibraltar, from 1956 to 1959. Roy Foster-Brown had an active and

happy retirement, prominent in the livery of the Armourers' and Braziers' Company, of which he was Master in 1964-65 and again 10 years later.

A. B. SAINSBURY

Roy Stephenson Brown (Roy Foster-Brown), naval officer: born 16 January 1904; CB 1958; married 1933 Joan Foster (two sons); died 8 January 1999.

HISTORICAL NOTES

1944: forewarned and forearmed

IN RECENT years the idea of through Tunisia, Rommel breaking the supposedly unbreakable German Enigma code has attracted more attention than the exploitation of the intelligence derived from it (soon christened "Ultra"). The spotlight has been turned on the mathematicians and chess-players who did the impossible. Without them, what the Germans were telling each other by radio would never have been known, but the knowledge was to prove a war-winning weapon.

In early 1941 at Bletchley Park, civilians lacking military experience above paradeground level and ignorant of the vocabulary of command - I was one of them- were suddenly empowered to send Enigma-derived signals to GHQ Cairo about Rommel's activities in Egypt. We of Alam Halfa paved the learned about German plans to attack Crete a fortnight before the invasion was launched. From then onwards we were always busy, increasingly so as D-Day approached; by 1944 there was so much Ultra originating in France, Italy and elsewhere that it required a cool head to keep abreast of developments in all theatres and to switch attention from one to

Crete was lost, mainly because there was insufficient force to take advantage of the forewarning. The perfect revenge did not come until two years later. By retreating rear in the east. Both allies

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gave advance notice that he would counter-attack with 31,000 men and 135 tanks at a place called Medenine on 6 March. Montgomery dug in 600 anti-tank guns and quick-Iv knocked out 50 German tanks. Unless there is force to back it, intelligence is useless; given sufficient force. intelligence sharpens conquest and can even create the

opportunity for it.

Ultra first made its mark in late summer 1942. With Rommel poised for a final thrust on Cairo, Churchill appointed Montgomery to the command of 8 Army. Montgomery drew up a plan of action, divining what Rommel would do and how to foil him. Two days later, Rommel told Hitler exactly the same - in Enigma. The defensive battle way for the victory of Alamein. The Montgomery legend was born and Ultra's reputation established.

Ultra's greatest triumph was to reveal Hitler's biggest mistake. By the end of July 1944 the British 21 Army Group was massed round Caen, the Americans had taken Cherbourg and were advancing down the west coast of the peninsula. The Germans tried to cut off their advance on 6 August. On 10 August Hitler personally ordered a renewal of the attempt - thus committing his armour westwards although his main danger was from his

took immediate advantage. Two German armies were surrounded and annihilated in the Falaise pocket. Paris fell on 25 August.

In the euphoria of victory everyone from the Chiefs of Staff down excitedly proclaimed. "Hitler is beaten, the war is almost over." Only Churchill kept his head, saying on 8 September that it was at least as likely that Hitler would still be resisting at the beginning of the New Year as that he would collapse before then. In fact, Arnhem was still to come and the surrender did not follow until May 1945. The sobering lesson was the old one about not counting chickens before they are hatched.

It has been said that Ultra shortened the war by two years. This is pure speculation, however plausible it may seem - even in 1945 new and faster U-boats fitted with Schnorkels to make them undetectable might still have cut the supply-line which fed Britain and fuelled Normandy, had they been developed just a few months earlier. What is certain, however is that from at least late in 1942 Ultra gave such a profound insight into the in-tentions of the Nazi High Command and the activities of its subordinates that its contribution to victory was nothing less than tremendous.

Ralph Bennett is the author of 'Behind the Battle' (Pimlico, £12,50)

Enforcement of foreign arbitration award

THE COURT considered the matters which were relevant on an application to set aside leave to enforce a

foreign arbitration award. An application to set aside leave to enforce two arbitration awards made under the auspices of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission of Peking (CIETAC) was refused.

A dispute had arisen out of s contract which contained a Chinese arbitration clause. In January 1998 the plaintiff obtained leave under s 101 of the Arbitration Act 1996 to enforce awards in an initial arbitration and in a resumed arbitration conducted under the auspices of CIETAC.

It was common ground that the awards were New York Convention awards, and that unless the Peking court ordered a retrial and revocation of the awards they were, as they stood, final and enforceable under Chinese law.

On the defendant's application to set aside leave to enforce the awards, the following issues, interalia, arose, whether the defendant had been prevented from presenting its case; whether the awards had been arrived at by an arbitral procedure not in accordance with the agreement of the parties, in breach of the CIETAC rules; and whether the defendant had established that the awards had been arrived at by means which were contrary to the requirements of substantial justice contained in English law as explained in Adams v Cape Industries [1990] 1 Ch 433. so that enforcement would be contrary to public policy. Duncan Matthews (Sinclair

TUESDAY LAW REPORT

2 FEBRUARY 1999

Minmetals Germany Gmbh v Ferco Steel Ltd

Queen's Bench Division, Commercial Court (Mr Justice

Colman) 20 January 1999

Roche & Temperley) for the plaintiff; Michael Swainston (Ince & Co) for the defendant.

Mr Justice Colman said that the effect of Art V of the New York Convention was that, where the tribunal was procedurally entitled to conduct its own investigation into the facts, enforcement of an award based on findings of fact derived from such investigations would be avoided if the enforcee had not been given any reasonable opportunity to present its case in relation to the results of such investigations.

That contemplated at least that the enforcee had been prevented from presenting his case by matters outside his control in the present case, however, the enforcee had, due to matters within his control, not provided himself with the means of taking advantage of an opportunity given to him to present his case.

Article 53 of the CIETAC Rules was clearly and expressly applicable to the conduct of the arbitrators in making their award, and there

the first award, they had not acted in accordance with "international practices and the principle of fairness and reasonableness". Nothwithstanding that, following the Peking court's order for a resumed hearing, the evidence relied on by the arbitrators at the first hearing was open to challenge. but no such challenge had been advanced. The defendant had thus, by Art 45 of the Rules, waived its right to object. In international commerce a

party who contracted into an agreement to arbitrate in a foreign jurisdiction was bound not only by the local arbitration procedure but also by the supervisory jurisdiction of the courts of the seat of the arbitration.

Where, therefore, an enforcee alleged that a New York Convention award should not be enforced because enforcement would lead to substantial injustice and would thus be contrary to English public policy, the following considerations would normally be relevant the nature of the procedural injustice; whether the enforcee had invoked the supervisory jurisdiction of the seat of the arbitration: whether a remedy was available under that jurisdiction; whether the courts of that jurisdiction had conclusively determined the enforcee's complaint in favour of upholding the award; and, if the enforcee had failed to invoke that remedial jurisdiction, his reason for. and whether he had acted unreasonably in, failing to do so.

In the present case the enforcement of the awards would not lead to substantial injustice. KATE O'HANLON,

Barrister

IS YOUR love-life dull? How about an open fire, candles, a big, big bottle of wine, tandoori chicken, dried-up samosas and lukewarm rice? The Grocer records that cluttered Alldays is ousting fast food. Colin Glass, a director, says, "I'm sure it will work in c-stores, but we have spent so much time,

money and effort in it be-

Words CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

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may not sound as sery as electronics". The Grocer's June Hampton, no less, enthuses over something called Cheesestrings peelable string cheese. Apparently, this stuff has scope for greater "penetration and usage"- hardly the case with Dairylea usage, citing the Wall Street cheese triangles of yore,

Journal in 1970: "soybeans

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BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** DEATHS

IN MEMORIAM

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BIRTHDAYS Mr Ken Bruce, broadcaster,

48; Sir Gordon Bryce, former Chief Justice of the Bahamas, 86; The Earl of Clarendon, former chairman and managing director, Seccombe, Marshall and Campion, 66; Sir Andrew Davis, chief conductor, BBC Symphony Orchestra, and musical director, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, 55; The Very Rev Dr Victor de Waal, former Dean of Canterbury, 70; Lord Eatwell, President. Queens' College, Cambridge, 54; Mr Abba Eban, former Israeli foreign minister, 84; Mr Glynn Edwards, actor. 68; Mr Ronnie Fearn MP, 68; Sir Norman Fowler MP, 61; M Valery Giscard d'Estaing, former French president, 73; Mr Marcus Hope, ambassador to Zaire, 57; Mr David Jason, actor. 59; Mr David Jones, chief executive, Next, 56; Sir

Chips Keswick, chairman,

Barry McGuigan, feather-

weight boxing champion, 38;

Dame Alix Meynell, former

Hambros Bank, 59; Mr

senior civil servant, 96; Miss Libby Purves, journalist, 49; Miss Elaine Stritch, actress and singer, 72.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: (Eleanor) Nell Gwynn, actress and mistress of Charles II, 1650; Hannah More, religious writer, 1745; John Nichols, printer and writer, 1745; Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord. statesman and diplomat, 1754: Daniel Maclise, historical painter, 1806; Henry Havelock Ellis, sex psychologist, 1859; James Augustine Joyce, writer, 1882; James Stephens, poet and novelist, 1882; Les (Leslie) Dawson, comedian, 1934. Deaths: Baldassare Castiglione, writer and courtier, 1529; Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composer, 1594; John Lawrence Suilivan, bare-knuckle fighter, 1918; Sir Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, 1936; Bertrand Russell, third Eari Russell, philosopher, 1970; Alistair Maclean, novelist, 1987; Bernard Braden,

Perry (Frederick John Perry), tennis-player, businessman and broadcaster, 1995; Donald Pleasance, actor, 1995; Gene Kelly (Eugene Curran Kelly), dancer and singer, 1996. On this day: the first parliament assembled of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801; a French force occupied Rome after Pope Pius VII refused to recognise the Kingdom of Naples, 1808; Greece declared war on Turkey, 1878; bread rationing was introduced in Britain, 1917; following a Russian-Estonian peace treaty, Estonia was declared independent, 1920; 60 countries attended the Disarmament Conference in Geneva, 1932; the remaining German army at Stalingrad surrendered to the Russians 1943; in Uganda, Maj-Gen Idi Amin declared himself to be absolute ruler, 1971; a mob in Dublin burned down the British Embassy, 1972. Today is the Feast Day of St Adalbald of Ostrevant, St Joan de Lestonnac, the Martyrs of Ebsdorf and the Purification.

broadcaster, 1993; Fred

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, visits St John's Innovation Centre and St John's College, the Oast House and St Faith's School Cambridge; and visits Burrall Limited, Wisbech, Cambridge-shire. The Prince of Wales opens the Cavendish Suite in the Haemato-Oncology Unit at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, Calow, Derbyshire. The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, addresses the Clos-ing Plenary Session of the 1999 Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland. The Duke of Kent President, Wellington College, visits an art exhibition, followed by dinner, at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; No 7 Company Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Scots Guards.

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The Lord is my shepherd

Not only does your dog have rights, it has a soul. And now it has its own set of church services. The author?

A distinguished Oxford professor. By Paul Vallely

he caller at the other end of the phone Phone George Austin [the Church of England's arch-traditionalist! and he'll tell you it's an outrage," the disembodied voice said "Phone John Habgood [the former Archbishop of Yorki and he'll tell you it's theologically unsound. And then phone the Archbishop of Canterbury's public affairs secretary and he'll tell you it's all unauthorised. And then you'll have your story." No, I said, I'd rather come and have a chat about it.

The voice belonged to the Reverend Professor Andrew Linzey, holder of the world's first academic post in "theology and animal welfare" at Mansfield College, Oxford. The subject of our conversation was his new book, Animal Rites, bound to cause controversy when it is published later this month because it contains the first set of church services for animals ever published. There are the equivalents of pet baptisms and funerals, together with healing services for animals. There are even memorial liturgies to be performed outside abattoirs and laboratories.

Couched, as they are, in the kind of Christian language previously reserved for interceding between humans and the Almighty, they will un-doubtedly cause offence in certain circles even as they will be welcomed by animal rights activists and by a certain type of doting pet-owner.

It is the Fido-factor that is the problem, I told Prof Linzey when we eventually met in a study, foggy with pipe smoke, in the Oxford college where he is a fellow. Just insert that doggiest of names into the liturgy he has devised for pet owners, to swear a covenant with what he likes to call their "companion animals", and you get the idea: PRIEST: Will you name this creature?

RESPONDENT: Fido. Will you care for Fido as God's own

I will with God's grace. Will you be mindful of his Christ-like I will be so mindful..

(The human companion is then invited to touch/pat/stroke the animal as a sign of the covenant reaffirmed

Prof Linzey smiled wryty. "Tve married enough Berts and Brendas to know that the insertion of certain individual names inevitably screws

up the poetry of a prayer," he said. The key issue was this: Church people, newly conscious of the frail ecology of the world, were happy enough to frame prayers for the broad sweep of creation, but if you talk about one particular animal they feei uncomfortable.

"But the truth is that our relationships are with individual animals," he said. "It's no good the Lambeth Conference saying that the redemptive purpose of God in Jesus Christ extends to the whole of creation', and then ignoring the

'The idea that God is mainly interested in humans is mindbogglingly absurd'

made by God every bit as much as we were - and that the Incarnation is for them as much as it is for us." This, it has to be said, is not the

orthodox view. Animals do not have equal worth with people, according to Christianity's traditional reading of the book of Genesis - which says that God gave men and women dominion over the creatures of the earth. A similar attitude persisted in the classical world, when Aristotle's teachings prompted widespread belief that the world was there for man's use. The notion persisted through the Age of Enlightenment, and it continues at the core of much modern science. It is only comparatively recently that environmentalists and, more lately, animal rights activists have begun to question the concept of human supremacy.

"Over the centuries, people have fallen into an idolatry - the idea that God is predominantly or exclusively interested in the human species, said Prof Linzey "But it's a mindbogglingly, gob-smackingly, breathtakingly absurd notion. Why did God create the wasp? Not for human need. How could dinosaurs have find it deeply reassuring that God has other concerns."

Ordinary people know this, he insisted, and you can see it in their attitude to their pets. "Of course there can be sentimentality and emotional over-indulgence," he said, puffing on his pipe. "But consider the impact which the death of a companion an-

imal can have. The experience of bereavement can be as deep, and sometimes deeper, than the loss of another human, Christian theology has failed to recognise the significance of animal-human companionship. Churches, in practice, have very little to offer those in the throes of bereavement; indeed, they fre-

quently express hostility or ridicule." Linzey knows that he is risking this himself. He is out on a shaky limb with a book whose dedication reads: "For Barney, still wagging his tail, in heaven." Animals do not have souls and cannot go to heaven, according to orthodox dogma, but Linzey disagrees: "We know that this creature, who died on earth, shall live again in heaven," reads his Liturgy for Animal Burial".

There was a knock on the door. It was Prof Linzey's teenage daughter, on her way home from school. She had called in to report on the latest developments in her battle with her biology teachers. She was refusing to dissect pigs' hearts as part of her coursework. The professor broke off to listen, and offer words of support: You should remember what my first parish priest said to me: You'll never make a priest if you want to be loved by everyone'." She smiled weakly and set off home to do her

"If you seek untrammelled popularity, you will have no prophetic voice," her father elaborated after she had gone. "Telling the truth does not always make people love you; Jesus found that."

It's not questions of truth, but of priority and proportion, which most worry me about the animal rights' movement. I told him. It seems odd that people are prepared to take to the streets to protest about veal in crates, but do nothing for the 1 billion people who go to bed hungry every night in the Third World.

"Perhaps they have a sense that people, however dispossessed they may be, can speak and act for themselves. But animals - like children and embryos - depend upon others to articulate their plight," he said.
"They are the weakest, who cannot speak for themselves - vulnerable, in their suffering."

But, hang on, can you project innocence on to animals? Innocence is a moral quality. If animals, as CS Lewis put it, are capable of neither sin nor virtue, then innocence is not an appropriate term. And the moral worth of Christ's choice came not from being defenceless, but from



It was all getting theologically dense, so I asked him what was his position on animal rights activists at-"They're not just wrong, but undermine their own case," he replied. "The weakness of the contemporary animal rights movement is its selfrighteousness. That's a killer of moral sense. We're all impure when it comes to animals: all red wine is filtered through the bones of dead animals; all orthodox medicine has

at some point involved the exploitation of animals - so have most paints, dyes, washing-up liquids, fire extinguishers. You can't be pure, gressive disengagement, moving towards a vision of living in a crueltyfree world. These are veggie shoes

for instance, and they look all right." He waved his black brogues at me. Indeed they did. "They're made by Lynx, the anti-fur-trade people," he said, before explaining that the argument was the same as the one

over when war was permissible. The theory of "just war" sets down conditions, but does not detract from the not the first, yet our killing of other species has become habitual."

Which is why his book of prayers rails against veal crates, hen batteries, sow stalls, whaling, hunting for sport, the slaughter of seals and the "institutionalised abuse of millions of animals in laboratories". "I used to be frightened of con-

refilling his pipe. "In an ideal world change would come without it. But general injunction that we should not this is not an ideal world: 150 years ery as the Christianisation of the dark races; 50 years ago it justified the subordination of women as part of the God-given order.

Now, where did I put George Austin's phone number?

'Animal Rites' by Andrew Linzey it: published by SCM Press, price £9.95 44 ...

Dance away the heartache (dance away the arrears)

Exams are over, and the students' attention is turning to other topics. In Dave and Alistair's case, this means money. By Cayte Williams

EXAMS ARE finally over and the pressure's off. Most of the students have had exams this January. The first term of their second years was a gentle lead-in to the important stuff. Any exams they take from now on will count towards their final degree. That's why last term was decision time for Leona at UMIST (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology). She just hadn't done the work to show she could hack the rest of the second year. If these Manchester students are anything to go by, to be a student now means you actually have to And most of it isn't spoonfed. lan, for example, only has four hours a week lecture time, the rest is taken up with reading endless books, studying and writing essays. Now that the jangle of nerves are no longer disturbing the house, the corridors are crowded with sounds from The Beatles (Alistair) to drum 'n' bass (Leona). lan and Tasha finished their swot-athon last Friday and spent Saturday night going wild at Fluid, one of the better

Manchester clubs. You

THIS STUDENT Life

SPRING TERM, WEEK 4 AT THE MANCHESTER STUDENT HOUSE

might find it hard to fathom why Tasha goes to clubs at all. She doesn't drink and can't differentiate one type of club music from another. "I dunno what music it was," she says. "House music maybe?"

She's looking forward to going home. "I really miss my family and I haven't en them since

Christmas," she says Alistair the moneymaker decided on a postmodernist night out to celebrate the end of his exams. He headed for Club Trop, named after the

Tropicana" ("where membership's a smiling face," sings Tasha. Yes, she knows all the words). "I got <u>hamm</u>ered," says a disconcertingly jollysounding Alistair, "and then I passed out."

Now he's sober, he's waxing lyrical about President Clinton. "When I was in America over Christmas, Clinton was on the air all the time. It was like. Here is the news from Clinton's toilet! Moment by moment action! Watch as he squeezes the last drop!' It was completely

ridiculous, utterly boring." He has an interesting insight on the rights and wrongs of the saga. "I thought the whole point of being a powerful president is that you got to have whoever you wanted. And I tell you what: out of all the girls I could have had I vouldn't have chosen

Monica Lewinsky." Alistair is going through his own love pain. He's missing Tori, his girlfriend in America. "We've spoken on the phone a few times and I've sent her a few tapes," he says, "and I'm throwing myself into so much activity that I won't have time to miss her." His

bedroom has its own testament to mushines with a poster of a couple watching the sunset. He isn't allowing himself much time to pine. Alistair is in an entrepreneurial frenzy. Not only is he organising his 21st birthday party, he's hiring DJs and organising tickets for club nights.

Meanwhile, Dave's oneoff night he promoted in a local club before Christmas was a roaring success, and the owners have offered him a weekly slot. He is considering going into business with Alistair.

Dave has a big advantage. For health reasons (unspecified) his doctor has told him he can't drink any alcohol. So while everyone else is getting pissed at his club nights, he'll be going around stone cold sober

"I'm all right," he says. He's just getting over the shock. "It'll save me a lot of money, and I will have to keep focused on my work. I won't be getting up at two in the afternoon any more. It'll make me fitter!" he declares, warming to the theme. "Til go to the gym rather than the pub and if want a drink, I'll get a Coke!" We'll see if his enthusiasm lasts the week

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THE JOYS OF MODERN LIFE

31. Hula Hoops by Louisa Young

FOR A start, they're round. Round is good: aesthetically pleasing, simple, pure. Then they're plain. Nothing can go wrong with them. Even if the two ends do come apart at the join you just stick them back into each other. If they won't, you can put one end to your mouth and spiral the other in a big loop to your friend's ear and use it as a funny telephone. But what they're really for is something so simple and perfect that although to my knowledge there are no pictures of hula-hooping devotees in tomb paintings or carved on Egyptian temples, it is only a matter of time before some are discovered.

One of the joys of Cairo is the Sufi dancers at al Ghouri, who two nights a week whiri with an elegance and energy which entrances the audience as well as the dervishes. They wear wide, circular skirts, their hems reinforced with I'm not sure what, and they have a particular pace - a kind of onetwo-three step -- with which they propel themselves round, keep their balance and make their direct and mystical connection to God. As they do so, their skirts rise, fall, whirl and billow in great circular movements. guided by their arms as part of the dance. Always moving, they undo their waistbands and their skirts become as hoops, the cloth folded in, and they whirl on, for hours sometimes, round their waists, their knees, their fad ever Another fad, the



other, their necks, then way up up above their heads, the circle spinning and spinning as the man spins too. It's clearly related to orbit, the passages of the sun, the moon and the earth, the music of the spheres and the perfection of geometry. Circles on circles.

Now it is not quite like this in the playground, but it is not entirely different: the girls at my daughter's school, when they spin themselves round, do the same footwork as the Cairo Sufi dancers. When they bend their waists in that to and fro snaking movement to keep the hoop spinning on their hips - the movement is always much slower than you expect - they remind me of belly dancers.

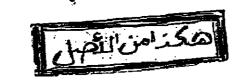
The modern hula hoop is 41 this year: in 1958, 25 million of them sold in four months, and they were banned from the streets of Tokyo. It was the biggest feet, one arm and then the hoochie-coochie, was a de-

rivative of a dance identified with the temple dancers of Kutch in India (there's nothing new). Not that children care. They like bula hooping because they can do it and grown-ups, on the whole, can't. And it's something you learn to do at about five or six, when serious independence-climbing trees, going up the road on your own starts to tempt. Grown-ups are better at most activities requiring independence. Not this, though; when they try

of time and embarrassed. It's a great role reversal. I can't do it. But I comfc myself that I never could hand. It manages to impre

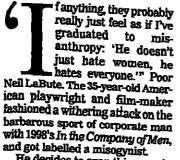
do know a trick, howeve where you bowl the hoop, away from you - and you can? bowl it quite hard to go 20 or 30 feet - and with a particu lar flick of the wrist you can make it pause at the end of its journey and then ro straight back to your waiting even the most accomplished

they are stiff, awkward, out



Hell is other people

Neil LaBute's latest film is another portrait of bad behaviour with laughs. At whose expense? By Mike Higgins



He decides to even things up in Your Friends & Neighbours and place women as well as men under his scrutiny, and well, he can guess how his critics are going to react. Imagine thirtysomething scripted by David Marnet and directed by Harold Pinter, and you'll get a flavour of LaBute's second feature, a black morality tale for the Nineties. The men whose company we kept in his debut, Chad and oward, ruthlessly courted and dumped a deaf secretary just because they could. Your Friends & Neighbours doesn't offer up its villains quite so easily.

Ben Stiller, Catherine Keener, Aaron Eckhart, Amy Brenneman, Jason Patric and Nastassia Kinski are, variously, doctors, journalists and lecturers, swathed in Calvin Klein and good intentions. Surely they're not going to wreck their own and each other's relationships and lives for a quick rush of ego? Well, let's just say that the film's Valentine weekend release indicates a healthy sense of humour on the part of the distributors.

Your Friends & Neighbours is another film about betrayal from the happily married practising Mormon. This time, however, it's not so clear who the victims are.

"In the Company of Men was like watching a car crash in slow motion: you're told what's about to happen and there's nothing you can ...'o about it," explains LaBute, mically. "In the film there are

s going round the block in opposite ways. You think: 'God, if they're not careful, someone's gonna hit the other one. But you're not sure when or on which corner" Notoriously, In the Company of Men pursued Chad and Howard's declaration, "Let's burt somebody", to its ghastly conclusion. To a lesser extent. Your Friends & Neighbours has its own catchphrase: "Is it me?" "I began to see it as a useless mantra that the men at least repeated just to sound as if they cared about other people," says LaBute. "Jason's character was pretty sure that when he does ask it he's quite sure that the prob-

lem lies with someone else." So, men are still the real bastards? Not quite. The way LaBute sees it, all six characters are too busy with their own problems to be properly sensitive to anyone else's, but at least the women try to sort Firs out. For instance, Barry Caron Eckhart, in a role very dif-



Men behaving badly: Aaron Eckhart, Ben Stiller and Jason Patric in 'Your Friends & Neighbours'; below, Neil LaBute

ferent to the arch manipulator he played in ITCOM) is impotent, and his wife, Mary (Amy Brenneman), has difficulties with sex.

"Barry keeps pushing towards intercourse rather than just the physical act of just holding some one. Mary takes off in a different direction, but at least she's trying. She's not just looking for a good lay."

At the other end of the emotional spectrum, Jason Patric's character. Cary, is a handsome, highly eligible, soulless and utterly calculating doctor who knows exactly what he wants. In the film's most chilling scene, he recounts to Barry and Jerry his most intense sexual experience, the gang rape of a younger boy while he was away at camp as a teenager. Patric, last seen in the abysmal Speed 2, is a revelation as the unblinking, blueeyed predator. (In fact, he'd make a great Patrick Bateman, the

eponymous Wall Street killer in Bret. Easton Ellis's American Psycho, and LaBute admits that "before there was any sort of flap about DiCaprio" he pitched the same idea to the American Psycho producers.) Patric had originally approached LaBute with the idea of producing Your Friends & Neighbours, which he eventually did, but LaBute persuaded him that Cary was too good a part to pass on. LaBute dismisses the suggestion that it might have been a risk to

otherwise have remained shut. "And he's so damned beautiful to look at! I extended that idea that I had in Company, of beautiful people saying awful things. For some reason we seem to be drawn. moth-like, to "the beautiful people".

adding that Patric's name opened



Continually, we forgive them: 'Oh hand over so much control to the hruised ego of a failed action star. God, I must have misunderstood him - he couldn't have said anything Hollywood doors that would that awful." Anyway, reckons LaBute, Cary may be a monster but at least you know where you stand with him. According to him, Ben Stiller's character, outwardly decent, is far worse. "Jerry is the one who really bugs me because he proses this moral tone. He seems

to look at Cary as if he's a lesser species, yet again and again he makes the worst choices." If not as flagrantly as Jerry, every character in Your Friends & Neighbours' mistakes selfishness for selfrespect. And LaBute is in no doubt where this deceit originates: These people seem to have grading so desperately to fulfil their own needs that they almost don't realise that anyone else has them." Nevertheless, watching the six characters limo from one disastrous relationship to another is a bleak, if darkly comic, experience. For LaBute. however, their dogged persistence is something of a virtue: "What keeps it from being hopeless is that they do continue, coming out of bad relationships." The film's shock ending would seem to be the

strongest argument against this up-

beat conclusion. But the most he'll concede is that the film is "sceptical" about its protagonists' motivations. Still, it's no accident that Jerry is seen lecturing on Wycherley's The Country Wife. The qualities of Restoration comedy that LaBute admires - "the rapier wit and the swift-flowing movement, uated from their parents' vision of how words become action" - are the 'Me' generation - they're try- palpable in Your Friends & Neighbours. Don't forget, though, says the director, that the Restoration dramatists were taking pot shots at the very audience they were writing for. "It wasn't for no reason that I

called it Your Friends & Neighbours. It's inclusive and indicting at the same time," insists LaBute. "Don't kid yourself - there's traits here that must ring familiar."

Your Friends & Neighbours' is released on 12 February

A night out with the toys

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CHINA SONG THE DRUM PLYMOUTH

CHINA SONG arrives with a list of awards. Last year's Vivian Ellis for the most promising musical, book writer and lyricist, and the 1998 Warner/Chappell Music Prize.
It has also been dubbed A Wizard

of Oz for the Nineties. China Song is worthy of the awards, but the comparison is doubtful. The Wizard of Oz has the Munchkins, Toto and a philosophically PC-ending. China Song is beguiling enough to charm an audience of adults, but may be over the heads of children.

The story of a captured delight failing to live up to its promise in captivity is a theme well-thumbed: in this case, from Hans Andersen's The Nightingale and John Fowles's The Collector. Presented here as a fairy tale in operatic form, its plea for freedom and naturalness provides a powerful dramatic motif.

China Song is an artistic triumph for writer and lyricist Simon Nicholson, composer Gary Carpenter and director Annie Castledine. The story of the Emperor who refuses to assume the responsibility of his office. preferring to play with toys and scour the country for unusual novelties, may or may not be PC, depending on your philosophical outlook. "What about China?" asks the Chief Mandarin. "Sell it." says the wayward Emperor. The evasion of responsibility forms the background to this near perfect piece of miniature musical theatre.

Highly polished and stretched just within its limits, it holds the attention throughout with its eclectic musical score, running between Menotti and Sondheim, with the occasional outburst of burlesque razzmatazz. Played by a five-piece chamber ensemble of harp, saxes, bass, guitar and banjo, actively led by musical director Timothy Sutton at the keyboards, it is always interesting, and often absorbing.

The cast sing with wistful intensity drawing the audience into acceptance of a magic world without any element of surprise or shock. Brendan O'Hea plays the Emperor with insolent grace, and Nigel Richards is the anxious official at the end of his tether. Amber Sinclair plays the Nightingale, captured for the Emperor's amusement and robbed of song in captivity, and Elizabeth Mansfield, as the everwilling toymaker, bounces off songs like "I'm a genius" and "Fishing". **ALLEN SADDLER**

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Soul man finds perfect pitch

WHAT DO you do with a voice? A recent Mojo magazine celebrated Aretha Franklin as the singer of the century, and she hasn't made a decent album in nearly 30 years. While he's not yet in the Aretha class, David McAlmont can certainly be talked about in the same urgent, soulful breath.

How best to harness his gorgeous instrument, however, asn't been entirely clear up to now A background in indiecrossover acts, first with Dieves, and then in the brief cannership with Suede's Bernard Butler, allowed McAlont to avoid the black hole that all Brit-soul careers seem end up in. But where was it leading to other than occasional Shirley Bassey pastiche? Thankfully, on the recent

POP DAVID MCALMONT FLEECE AND FIRKIN BRISTOL

solo album A Little Communication (Hut), McAlmont has put his soul cards on the table. The result is a record, produced by Tommy D, with backings stripped to the bone, that just keeps getting better with every listen. The rare jewel of a voice is at last given a setting worthy of it. Whether the programmed beats and murmurs could be reproduced live remained the

wild card in the pack. A pre-gig soundtrack of Al Green's greatest hits tempted fate, but once McAlmont took the stage, all doubts vanished immediately. The superbly ver-



soul cards on the table

satile and laid-back quartet of two keyboard players, bass and drums stroked out the insouciant rhythms; the singer took his position by the microphone. and we all prepared to swoon. Almost from the first note, it

was achingly, breathtakingly good. With his retro specs and the sweeping gestures of his pipe-cleaner arms making him look like a less messianic version of Malcolm X, McAlmont was a marvel.

Unlike Al Green, Aretha or Marvin Gaye (whose "Sexual Healing" era beatbox rhythms are copied occasionally on the new album), McAlmont's voice is more airy than earthy. Rather than testify, he soars, twitters and trills like a miraculous bird. The mastery of his voice and microphone technique are quite remarkable Notes are projected at an intimate volume and then subtly caressed, with the off-mike breath calibrated to produce the desired effect. The only doubt is that the music is so

subtle and elegant, and McAlmont's charm so sophisticated, you wonder if they risk going over the audience's heads.

Though the performance was one of the best I've ever heard from a vocalist, the encore was far from assured. It came all the same, in the beautiful form of Curtis Mayfield's "People Get Ready", with the opening verses sung wonderfully, not by McAlmont, but by keyboard player and bassist. It was magical already, but when it came to McAlmont's turn it got better still. What a voice! PHIL JOHNSON

McAlmont plays the Jazz Café, London NW1, tonight. His new single 'A Little Communication', was released yesterday on Hut Recordings

Look but don't touch

YO REVISIT Mozart's last Symthony, the Jupiter, before enering Bluebeard's Castle is a ittle like enjoying one final limpse of Olympus before in-Frment. Not that Bernard

tink's performance of A Mozart was especially Apian, Patrician is probably etter word. With the London nilharmonic arranged "in the iennese manner", but with vilins divided left and right, his as a kind of last stand for 19thentury tradition in the wake of ne 18th-century period in-trument revival. Which is not imply bloated sonorities and nmovable rhythms - the ound was most beautifully ansparent, well-delineated,

CLASSICAL BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE LPO / HAITINK RFH. SBC, LONDON

a model of fine deportment. And yet, and yet. This is a

momentous work, a work of consequence and audacity whose lofty inspirations have resonated across the ages to thrill and surprise us. But there was no surprise, no heat of inspiration about Haitink's reading. For the first three movements at least, we were comfortably ensconced in that all-purpose drawing room of 18th-century manners, there to admire but not to touch or be touched.

Every detail was exquisitely any aspect of presentation - be opposed to the musical impulses were never truly felt. last some blood started pumping. Inner woodwind parts might still have been more strongly projected, leading lines more ardently sung, but Mozart

was at last present in the hall.

Bartok was there too, but willing us to be somewhere else, somewhere deep in our subconscious. The spoken Prologue to his operatic masterpiece Bluebeard's Castle invites us to "listen in silence". It's a revealing phrase in as

attended, but the human as it in the theatre or concert hall - is bound to distract. This is theatre of the mind and soul Until that great finale where at and, as such, you want to lose yourself in it. Haitink and his orchestra did everything they could to assist, eliminating the light of the natural world, illuminating the darkness within.

Bartok's astounding orchestral imagery was beautifully realised. Here and there - on the threshold of the "lake of tears", for instance - the effect was perhaps a shade overliteral, drawing one's attention to how Bartok had achieved the sounds, not why. But then again much as this remarkable work there was a palpable sense of so excites the imagination that us all sharing Judith's stunned

silence as Bluebeard's kingdom is revealed to her in a welter of brassy, organ-buttressed C major. Judith was the excellent German mezzo Petra Lang, indomitable in the sepulchral lower registers of the voice, but with a freedom and radiance at the top to at least suggest the unconditional love that she could not bring herself to give.

Her Bluebeard, Kolos Kovats, rightly subordinated menace to the role's ineffable sadness. The idea that at the end of life's long day's journey we are essentially alone, is more movingly conveyed here than in any other piece I know. The rest is indeed silence. EDWARD SECKERSON



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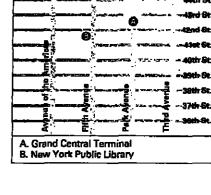
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Show us the big picture

Is Andreas Gursky really just a photographer who wants to be a painter? Or are his perfectly composed, digitally manipulated pictures an attempt to parody photography itself and our image-saturated world? By Tom Lubbock

ndreas Gursky's oictures are beautifui - or so they seem. What kind of truth they're after is another matter. This German photographer is in his mid-forties. He has an exhibition of his work from the last five years at the Serpentine Gallery. His subjects are such as these: the Rhine, with the river, its far and near green banks, the entirely blank sky above, all lying in absolutely straight-edged and parallel horizontal bands.

A glass-fronted skyscraper at night, every single window lit, and revealing a series of miniature, meticulously sharp tableaux of the interior.

A bright white wall of alpine mountainside, evenly speckled all over with dark trees and rocks.

A hugely spacious hotel atriumlobby, whose architecture is viewed with miraculously exact symmetry, and whose colours are incredibly pure and flat. And vast May Day crowds, packed trading floors, offices with zooming perspectives of desks, sweeping nocturnal city-scapes.

His pictures are, for photographic prints, very large. Two and a half metres is a common width. Whatever the subject, his shots look highly rehearsed, set up, as far as can be from snaps. They seem to hold more than the eye can see. They have a great depth of focus, far and near, all sharp. Their angles of vision can be extremely wide (and with no apparent distortions). They are packed with very small but very solid, highresolution detail (often these details are ant-like humans). They have regularities that appear too neat to be true. The images fall perfectly into flat, abstract designs. They have within them unreal patterns of repeated elements.

When people interpret Gursky, they tend to talk about the way his pictures stress the depersonalisation, regimentation, massification, standardisation, hygienisation of modern society and modern nature. If this is indeed their vision and, as stated, it seems considerably less fascinating than the pictures themselves – then it is not a vision that the artist just discovers in the world he points his camera at. He deliberately puts it there. To be specific: this is a body of work that has perhaps in every case been subjected Though seamless to the eye, the

orocess is sometimes almost visible to common sense. Surely the horizon above the river couldn't be that dead straight. Surely that rising vista of the Bundestag, which keeps on going up, involves more than one point of view. Surely the lighting of that crowd of figures on the Chicago trading floor is too bitty and collage-like. Surely that hotel lobby is beyond belief. And can you spot literal image-repeats in the bits of dark rock and tree dotted around the snow? Maybe one doesn't spot the half of it. Maybe one would be staggered to discover how little unaltered actuality remained. I don't know. But I must admit, I never feel quite happy about all this.

Another visitor to the gallery didn't feel happy at all, saying: "He doesn't know whether he wants to be a photographer or a painter." That visitor, I'm sure, was a photographer. But the question is, with image technology moving where it's mov-



'Chicago Board of Trade' (1997): 'Whatever his subject, his shots look rehearsed, set up, as far as can be from snaps'

ing, is Gursky or anyone else really obliged to decide between the two professions? Can't you be both, or something in between? Well, I think there are points to argue here.

People tend to say bluffly: images are all just images, however they're produced – and besides, traditional photography is hardly innocent of monkey-business. That's true, of course. Photographers can make very free with lenses, cropping, printing, the over- or under-exposing of details. (Gursky does a lot of this, too). And you may say this is no different in kind from the stuff that can be done with computers.

I think there is a difference, though, and it's as much ethical as technical. Traditional photography does generally draw a line where of something in an image. It won't founded on a find. introduce bits from other images, or it won't do these things partly beseamlessly as computers can. All the same, the line itself is not entirely

But if a rational line can be drawn, why insist on it? Here the case for traditional photos seems weaker. Yes, some photos are about fact and evidence. But lots aren't, and then they have to defend their photographic status with something like an angler's boast: that, through luck, alertness,

some basic matters of fact.

manipulated photography doesn't. It the picture, whatever its virtues, ly tonal style of image-making that won't change the shape or position can only be worth anything if it's

It can be hard to shed this feelsplice two images together. No doubt ing. I was shocked, going round, to realise how much I missed that cause it can't do them, or not as sense of trouvaille, and felt cheated by its absence - what, he just makes it up? But I take the point. To arbitrary. It's a matter of respecting insist on the pure find is often to impose a redundant virtuosity.

However, the argument is likely to turn on the image-manipulators too. For you could equally ask them: so why this insistence on making images that still look just like photographs? Why do collage, but then remove all the visible cuts and jumps to create a smoothly unified cuming, patience, they actually saw view? Why stay loyal to the distinc- normal, the style everyone under- to be. (No surprise that a photogra- and caught this image. So? It's as if tive photographic look - that pure- stands, so one had better use it. Or pher should resent them.) They are

comes out of the camera?

For surely, the only claim this particular look has on us is precisely its long association with found truth. But if this association is now utterly broken, why hold on to the style, which is now just one style among many? If you have your vision of the modern world, why not paint it or collage it or whatever? Why stick to

making fake photos? There can be answers to these questions, and answers which don't involve fakery. For instance, you may say that the photo-look has become simply the lingua franca of the modern image. Once it had the authority of truth, but now it's just

on the other hand, you might specifically want a truth effect - the idea could be to make people imagine the manipulated picture's fiction as actuality; or maybe to stage a clash between the photo-look and an impossibly unreal image. Or a photo-look might be employed to make some point about photography itself.

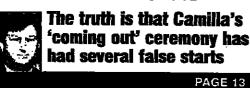
And now this argument-excursion has got us back to Gursky's work and what it's up to, namely: several of the tricks mentioned above, especially the last. His pictures aren't trying to pass themselves off as normal photos. They're trying to be super-photos, pictures that, through artifice, are excessively good at being the things a normal photo might wish

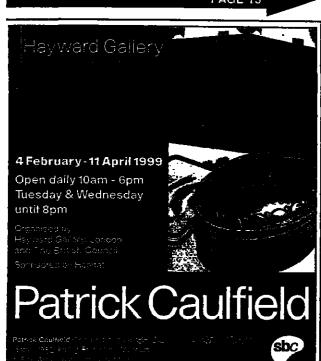
glutted with the photographic. They're like a parody - a parody not of individual artists, but of a whole art and its whole take on the world - or of a world which has been so over-photographed that now it turns

itself into a photo before our eyes. But to see this, of course, one needs to see the pictures as not quite true. Whether, as image-technology advances, and we get used to it, and the photo-look is more and more dissociated from any truth value, we'll then still be able to catch Gursky's large and beautiful ironies, is a point that can at least occur to us.

Andreas Gursky – Photographs 1994-98': Serpentine Gallery, Kens ington Gardens, London W2; daily,

STUART HIGGINS





THE INDEPENDENT COLLECTOR

JOHN WINDSOR'S GUIDE TO COLLECTING CONTEMPORARY ART. THIS WEEK: JACK VETTRIANO

JACK VETTRIANO borrowed the title of his painting, Game On (right), from pinball jargon. Lights flash, bells ring. It is the moment when a promise turns into a cert.

The two lovers are not even naked - yet this was the sexiest painting at Art 99, the big annual London Contemporary Art Fair that took place last month. It sold for £15,000 and Tom Hewiett of the Portland Gallery reckoned he could have sold the painting several times over

We've mostly all been there; have learnt to interpret the body signals of the opposite sex, then swapped notes among giggling groups of our own gender. The wonder is why, when so much art is about sex, so few artists have shown it as it is played out in real life, as Vettriano does. The obviously a problem here. And it is made no easier for Vettriano by the fact that he is a former coalminer in his native Scotland and

a self-taught artist, too. Art critics, especially south of the Border, have studiously ignored his work, despite or perhaps, because of - its popularity with private buyers. A few disdain it as soft porn. No public galleries have bought it. Why can't he paint miners with blackened faces blinking in the dawn light? Why must his courting couples circle one another in bars and dance-halls, wearing collars and ties

and skimpy dresses? Such second-rate glamour. Is that the correct way to epresent the working class?

The fact is that that is how the mating game was enacted in the Fife of Vettriano's youth – and still is. He is 45 now, was down the pit between the ages of 16 and 20, and recalls: "I couldn't wait to leave school, get a job, buy my first suit and get into the Friday and Saturday night dancing. Those who glamorise the pit are those who weren't there. I was bloody there, and I can tell you there was bloody there, and I can tell you there was bugger-all to call romantic."

And now? What about the couple in Game On? "They're not scraping around for money. The mining valley has become silicon valley. Japanese electronics companies have moved in. All we could afford at those weekend dances was Coke, but those two probably have a couple of bottles of bubbly in the fridge. That little black dress is a provocation, but she probably paid no more than £9.99 for it in a

department store. And the sex? Aren't the working class supposed to do it with the light turned off and their socks on? "In my youth, I never noticed any stiffness towards sex. We used to do it wherever we could - behind the Coop, on the beach, in bus shelters. Looking back, it was dreadful, but I still feel a great



fondness for those times. It was a great way to get into adulthood."

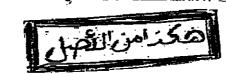
He says: "I sometimes get the feeling from critics that sex itself is not correct. that they'd rather have a landscape. But we live in a world where people are sexually

driven. It is a powerful thing, powerful enough to unseat presidents. People are desperate for it. Voracious. Men will do any bloody thing to get it. They will go back to the same woman, to the same brothel, even though they know they are on the road to

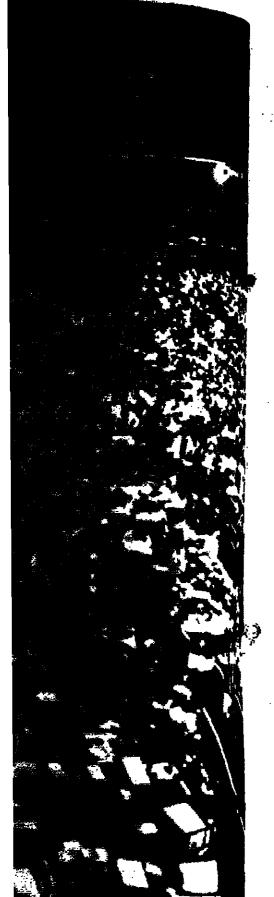
destruction. It is like being an alcoholic. "In my paintings, people know this. They dress glamorously and the atmosphere is highly charged, but they are not particularly happy. They know that things are not likely to work out. They neither know nor care whether they will see the person they are pursuing the following day."

Vettriano now has a studio in London. He is selling his mansion in Edinburgh and intends to buy a smaller house there. He paints all the time. His marriage broke up at about the time his paintings began to sell.

Prices: you can still buy a 12in by 10in canpas for around £3,000 ('Game On' is 40in by 30in) from the Portland Gallery (0171-321 0422); the less provocative paintings — dancing on the beach, bar scenes - have been published as prints by The Art Group in the standard sizes 40cm by 50cm (from about £9) and 60cm by 80cm (from about £18); they retail at print stores such as Athena, the Art Factory and House of Fraser



composed By Tom Lubbock



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The drug Nabilone offers great pain relief, but is not freely available. Why? Because it is synthetic cannabis, says Dr Colin Brewer

When the drugs do work

phone, you can tell that Walter Dale probably teenager. Not the type. Not the age-group. His teens were the early Fifties when cannabis simply wasn't around, unless you were a Jamaican saxophonist. By the time it appeared in the mid-Sixties. Walter was married, running a successful business and collecting old Jowett cars. If he wanted to adjust his brain, he used alcohol. Until his late-50s, he was fit and healthy, but ageing humans, like age ing Jowetts, give trouble sooner or later. In 1995, he slipped a disc.

After an operation (courtesy of Bupa, so no delay), there was some residual pain. The surgeons said a little injection near the spine should do the trick. It probably does for 99 per cent of patients but Walter's legs were numb and paralysed the next day. Movement and feeling returned, but he was left with increasingly severe pain and weakness. Soon, he had to use two walking sticks and neither his GP nor the local pain specialists had an answer. Strong opiates didn't help and, in any case, he feared becoming addicted to them.

A few months ago, he read that cannabis sometimes relieved intractable pain. Overcoming his lawabiding habits, Walter obtained some. He wasn't very hopeful but five minutes after the first lungful, the pain was enormously better. Subsequent cannabis joints were equally effective. He told his GP who was, as always, sympathetic but couldn't legalise Water's successful self-medication with cannabis. Walter contacted Release, who normally advise youngsters arrested for possessing illicit drugs. Release referred him to me, though I specialise in addiction, not pain.

As I understood the legal situation, I could prescribe heroin for Walter but not cannabis, though it might become possible when planned clinical trials had been completed in a year or two. Of course, I'm all in favour of objective scientific trials, but I also believe that one of the primary duties of doctors is to relieve pain and that there's an important but unfashionable entity called "the art of medicine". In the absence of scientific evidence, I'm willing to use cautious empiricism to help my patients. Although I had never prescribed it, I knew of a synthetic cannabis preparation called Nabilone, used to control the severe nausea and vomiting which complicates some types of chemotherapy for cancer. I checked it out.

It wasn't even listed in the current MIMS (the pharmaceutical industry's monthly guide). The National Formulary mentioned it but warned that it was for hospital use only. The makers, Cambridge Laboratories (based, confusingly, in Tyneside), were very helpful and told me that in addition to its official, licensed use



The pain Walter Dale suffers as the result of a botched operation is greatly relieved by Nabilone, but the drug is only usually prescribed to cancer patients

Cannabis shouldn't be denied Walter because of the USA's

ineffective worldwide 'war on drugs'

was dodgy. After two weeks, one One capsule a day is usually sufrelented, though Nabilone cost Walficient. He still walks slowly, someter much more than his illicit times even without sticks or pain, and the only side-effect is slight naucannabis. He had to pay £117 for 20 capsules. They worked just as well, sea. Naturally, I have asked myself though the onset of relief was natwhether this is simply a placebo urally slower than with smoking. effect. It could be but the benefit has

now lasted for over a month. We could easily give him some dummy capsules and see if he can tell the difference. The GP is impressed and accepts that he won't be dragged before the General Medical Council if he gives Walter an NHS prescription, but he still won't prescribe Nabilone because it costs so much and might be needed for several years.

Walter is 61 and married for a second time with three teenage children. He has had to retire from his business because of his disability but at least he can live free of pain with Nabilone. What are we to make of this crazy situation? The official position (that we can't prescribe cannabis until trials have been done. and maybe not even then) is obvi-

ously incorrect. Nabilone is tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) - probably the main active constituent of cannabis. As with many new or under-researched treatments (especially drugs for Aids), clinical trials can be done in parallel with empirical use. Cannabis isn't a new drug and

clearly has relatively low toxicity. It shouldn't be dished out like Smarshouldn't be denied to deserving cases like Walter just because of the USA's ineffective worldwide "war on drugs" during the last 80 years.

I don't easily believe in conspiracy theories but I do suspect that the government is terrified of offending the US and that there's at least a

mini-conspiracy to pretend that Nabilone doesn't really exist. Or alternatively, to pretend that it can only be prescribed by cancer specialists for in-patients.

I don't say that it should be prescribed (especially on the NHS) to people who just want to get stoned, but it seems that most regular cannabis users prefer the real thing. I hope to get Walter enrolled in one ties (nor should Valium), but it of the trials expected to start soon, so that he won't have to pay about £6 a day for a legal supply of a drug which, in a sensible world, he could grow at home for a few pennies.

> Dr Colin Brewer is medical director of the Stapleford Centre in London, which specialises in addiction

Schoolchildren, mind your backs

Carrying heavy schoolbags is endangering young people's health. By Teresa Wilson

A FAMILY of four could go away for a weekend with less luggage. Coat, schoolbooks. PE kit, art folder, violin; children are not only struggling to school with such loads, but also

from class to class during the day. There is growing concern that these burdens are causing back problems during childhood that may lead to chronic pain in adult life.

In the past, most secondary children had an allocated desk with a sloped writing-top and room to store books - furniture that has now largely been replaced by flat-topped desks to accommodate group work. Pupils tend to move around during the day, sometimes sitting at desks and tables intended for someone bigger or smaller Unless the school has lockers, they may carry their schoolwork with them all day.

Russell Dean, a chiropractor, says: "Sitting in front of the TV or a computer screen, carrying heavy bags and sitting at flat school desks are all setting up problems for the future. It's not just carrying the bags that is a problem, but the way they are carried. Too often you see children struggling under loads that are carried on one shoulder. If you are carrying weights, it should be evenly distributed. Too much strain on the back can lead to scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, particularly

The Chiropractic Treatment Centre in Bournemouth has been undertaking research into the ori-



by hospital cancer specialists, any

doctor could prescribe Nabilone for

other purposes, provided the patient

knows the drug is being used "off

label", as the Americans say. This is

not unique to Nabilone. Many drugs

are prescribed "off label" because

medical practice advances more

quickly than medical bureaucracy.

Prescribing "off label" exposes both

patient and doctor to possible risks,

and it must be done responsibly. But

it is common in most areas of med-

icine. Nabilone isn't a "controlled

drug" like morphine or dexam-

phetamine. It is actually in much the

same legal category as many other

GP. He was afraid to prescribe it, so

I gave the good news to Walter's

drugs used to treat cancer.

Rucksacks could become the new satchels Martin Spaven

Zahedi says that patients' records spanning the last 15 years show that some disorders start in childhood and are often associated with school activities such as carrying school bags, sitting for long periods, and certain sporting activities.

The National Back Pain Association (NBPA) raised many of these issues during National Back Pain Week last year. David Newbound is chairman of their children's working party. "We expect [children] to carry quite unreasonable weights. There are Health and Safety directives that prescribe what a postman should be carrying, but no such guidelines relating to children in schools, which is the reason why the NBPA has

I referred Waiter to an allegedly sym-

pathetic pain specialist. He was

sympathetic, but not enough to pre-

scribe it. It seemed I would have to

prescribe it myself. I took a history

and examined him. He was clearly

quite handicapped and there was

obvious wasting of the leg muscles.

After intoning the official "off label"

warnings, I gave him a prescription.

Two chemists then refused to dis-

pense it, apparently on the grounds

that anything involving cannabis

One school taking the problem seriously is Acland Burghley, a comprehensive in Camden. "The transition from primary to secondary school can be quite a shock," says the deputy head, Simon Barber. "We've been looking into buying lockers, but they are expensive and we need to be sure of getting a good investment "

Lockers aren't always the answer, says Linda Castle, mother of two boys at a middle school in Berkshire. "There's not always enough time to go back to the locker and change books between lessons," she points out. "They get into trouble if they are late for a lesson, so they keep every-thing with them. On games days, they are carrying PE kits too."

One possible solution has been tried Roy Ludlow, a headteacher who has incorporated a rucksack recommended by the NBPA into the school uniform of Beecher Cliff comprehensive in Bath. He says: "Not only do they protect children's backs, but they also have reflective strips which are an added safety feature. They're not compulsory yet, but it will be for

all new pupils." The NPBA schoolbags were designed by a team of experts, including Jim Taylour, an ergonomist. He is concerned not only with sound schoolbags, but also with well designed school furniture. "It is im-

portant to make sure that an environment fits the people, rather than the people fitting into the environment... School furniture is not in line with modern thoughts on posture and sitting, and needs to have a complete overhaul. I work with occupational health people from many large companies, and they report that more and more young people are entering the workplace with bad backs and postural problems."

Another ergonomist, Levent Cagiar, has been working on a European Standard for school furniture. Schools will have two routes to choose from, he says - "flat-topped desks, or chairs with a slightly raised back that will open the angle of the children's body to their thighs, and should be used with a sloping desk... What we don't have at the moment is any definitive research

looking at both types of furniture." The problem for many schools is likely to be that of raising the money to replace furniture. But David Newbound says, "It is possible to buy a good, economical chair for under £20. and schools that have the moulded plastic bucket seat can modify them with a wedge for less than £15.

Emma Tate, Director of the National Back Pain Association, recommends: "We should make an investment in children now which might help to protect their backs for the future. Why are we subjecting children to seats that would be unacceptable in the workplace? Children are getting a raw deal."

Making no bones about osteoporosis MY MOTHER and supplements. If a blood test

grandmother have both broken their hips. What can I do to prevent the same thing happening to me? I am a 28year-old non-smoker with two small children. Now is the right time for you to think about how to prevent broken bones in later life,

your fifties you are fighting an unhili struggie to keep your bones from becoming thin and brittle. And it is not too early to think about how to ensure that your children do not suffer broken bones when they are old, because poor nutrition in childhood and adolescence is an important risk factor. Most broken hips in elderly people are associated with osteoporosis, which makes bones thin and brittle. Human bones are strongest in the first few decades of life, then begin to deteriorate. You should have a calcium intake of at least 1,200mg a day. Most of this will probably come from dairy products, and you should try to use low-fat products. Regular

exercise is very important, and

weight-bearing, high-impact

exercise is particularly good.

Your whole family should get

into the habit of exercising at

- by then it is too late.

least three times a week. Don't

wait until your bones get brittle

because by the time you are in

A BLOOD test has revealed that my thyroid hormone levels are "a little on the low side". I have been offered thyroid sapplements, but I do not know if they are really necessary. Will I need to take them for the rest of my life? The thyroid gland, which sits just below the larynx in the front of the neck, produces a hormone thyroxine – which is vital for health. Children who do not have adequate thyroxine do not grow properly and their intellectual development can be affected. In adults, the effects are more subtle, but the commonest symptoms are

tiredness, weight gain and

fall, the only way to correct

them is to take thyroxine

depression. If thyroxine levels

shows that your thyroxine levels A QUESTION are on the low side, or if the OF HEALTH levels of another hormone thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) - are beginning to rise, you are likely to need to take thyroid supplements for the rest of your life. If the thyroxine levels are borderline, it would be sensible to have a repeat blood test in about six months. But if the levels are deteriorating, the

supplements.

DR FRED KAVALIER

I HAVE taken 150mg of aspirin every day since suffering a heart attack in 1983. My doctor has now suggested that this can be reduced to 75mg. Will this be any less effective? A relatively tiny dose of aspirin (75mg seems to be plenty) is very effective in reducing the risk of a second heart attack in people who have already had one. The smaller dose that your doctor has suggested should be just as effective as 150mg, and it is less likely to cause side effects such as indigestion.

only way to correct them is with

Send questions to A Question of Health, The Independent', 1 Canada Square, Canary Whorf, London E14 5DL; for: 0171-293 2182; or e-mail to health@independent.co.uk Dr Kavalier cannot respond personally to questions

Science created Prozac but marketing made it sing

I AM a fan of Prozac, but some of the adulatory stuff that I have read marking its tenth anniversary sticks in the craw. Prozac is an excellent drug because it works and - far more important, this - because the publicity around it has persuaded many extra thousands among the legions of the depressed to do something

about their misery.

For let us be clear about one thing: Prozac is a marketing success, not a scientific one. This is relevant to the current debate about rationing, Viagra, the price of drugs and whether the National Health Service as we know it is any longer affordable. Science can bring new drugs to the surgery, but only marketing can make them

Let me explain. For decades, depression, which causes enormous suffering and thousands of deaths (by suicide) every year, has been undertreated. So any development that encourages people to seek treatment must be a good thing. The arrival of the selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs) in the late Eighties, of which Prozac is the best known, was certainly a good thing.

These were antidepressants without (unpleasant) side effects. That was their unique selling point. They were no more effective at lifting depression than the tricyclics which preceded them, but they did it without causing the dry mouth, constipation and drowsiness that were frequent side effects of the older, dirtier, drugs.

the acceptability of antidepressant drugs. Prozac and its relatives were claimed to be the first "clean" anti-depressant - a mood brightener that did not leave you with a leathery tongue, a sluggish gut and cotton wool between your ears. Except that they were not the

first. That accolade belonged to the "new" tricyclics, such as lofepramine (brand name, Gamanil), developed in the Sixties and Seventies, which were refined, cleaned-up versions of the early tricyclics discovered in the Fifties.

Most of the research evidence on which Prozac has built its extraordinary worldwide success an estimated 35 million prescriptions have been written worldwide and global sales now

HEALTH CHECK



JEREMY LAURANCE

bring its manufacturer Eli Lilley \$1.7bn dollars a year – is thus based on a little white lie, a sin of omission. It compared Prozac with the old tricyclics over which it has the significant advantages I have outlined. I know of no study which has demonstrated

similar advantages for Prozac or the other SSRIs over the new tricyclics such as lotepramine other than in specific conditions such as obsessive compalsive

disorder. So why have the makers of ofepramine not taken to the roof-tops to challenge Prozac's dominance of the market? Simple. It is out of patent so it belongs to nobody. No single company could expect to benefit

The significance of this is that Prozac costs the NHS twice as much as lofepramine at £20.77 for a month's supply compared

with £9.84. Prescriptions for Prozac have risen from 365,000 in 1991 to more than 2.9 million in 1997, an eightfold increase. The question which Prozac supporters such as

Claire Rayner, chairman of the Patients Association, should be asking is not whether the drug brings worthwhile benefits (it certainly does) but whether the benefits it offers over and above those offered by rival drugs, if any, are worth the price differential of £10 per patient per

This puts the row over Viagra, a drug which has undisputed advantages over rival treatments, and spending on which was estimated to rise to between £50m and 100m a year

even if every man who wanted it

got it on the NHS, in perspective.

month - or more than £100m

It is the kind of issue that the new National Institute for Clinical Excellence will be examining when it starts work

But I don't envy Professor Sir Michael Bawlins and his team

their job. Who could have predicted. when Prozac received its beence in 1989, that it would become a household name across the world" Yet without the clout of the marketeers behind it, millions might have been denied the release from their misery

demonstrates that there is more to health care than scientific proof of effectiveness and economic proof of value. Health care is about more than science team will require the jurgment of Solomon to ensure that the NHS is neither broken by by unreasonable denial.

Brain food for babies

Breast-feeding may not be the only way to ensure good health and high IQ. By Roger Dobson

thing of a mantra for the modern mother. But the links between breast-feeding and high socioeconomic status means there have always been suspicions that lifestyle factors, rather than what the babies are con- in reading and maths at 13, and suming, are implicated in the performed better in final exams heightened performance of at school. breast-fed infants.

babies at the Institute of Child Health has demonstrated for the first time that good nutrition in the early years can significantly influence mental ability in later life. The researchers looked not at the long-running breast-versus-bottle controversy, but at premature babies who had been fed two different types of formula food. They found that those given enriched food were likely to develop more quickly than those who had been fed a regular formula food.

The hunt is now on to find what exactly is in breast milk and enriched formula food that

reast is best" has in life, with benefits that can last well into adulthood. One of the latest studies, based on a New Zealand examination of 1.000 children, carried out over 18 years, showed that longer breast-feeding resulted in children with a higher intelligence quotient at eight years old. They were also more advanced

But the problem with studwell designed, they are at risk of being confounded by the fact that it is the mother who chooses how she will feed her baby. In an ideal study, mothers would be chosen at random and either breast- or bottle-feed their babies, to iron out any socio-economic bias, but that approach has never proved to be a realistic proposition.

decades, breast-feeding has been the choice practised by mothers from a higher socioeconomic group than average, who tend to be better educated non-smokers, with higher incomes and living standards, and can give a baby a better start whose children have been born

in a stable relationship Over the past two or three

of Child Health.



"There isn't one randomised trial comparing breast-feeding and formula feeding, and in the absence of that there is always going to be some doubt ences in performance," says Professor Alan Lucas, who led the latest research team at the University of London's Institute

In a previous study, he and

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yet to a randomised study of breast milk benefits by taking babies whose mothers had chosen not to breast-feed, and allocating half of them to forabout the causes of the differ- mula food and the remainder to human milk from a milk bank. fed standard formula milk. Because it was not biased by rather than a nutrient-enriched the mothers' choice, that study has provided the most com-

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term babies. In his latest research, published in the British Medical Journal, he and his team looked at 360 premature babies. and found that those who were

formula, had reduced verbal IQ scores when they reached the pelling evidence yet that age of seven or eight years. Verbal IQs below 85 were human milk may promote found to be twice as common among children who had been fed the standard formula; the

> marked among boys. "What we are saying is that cognitive function may be impaired by sub-optimal neonatal nutrition. Our study was with premature babies, but there is evidence that nutrition may be important for long-term cognitive function in all groups of

difference was especially

babies," says Prof Lucas. The problem is that no one is really sure which of the many ingredients of both formula food and breast milk is responsible for the improved mental ability. It may be one component or several, or the result of an interaction between different constituents.

The enriched food given to the better-performing babies in the study by Prof Lucas contained extra amounts of almost all of the 36 listed ingredients that both preparations had, including protein, carbo-hydrate, zinc and folic acid, as well as vitamins, sodium, cop-

per and calcium. "We don't know what is responsible, but I would suggest that protein is important in pre-term babies, because they are growing so rapidly.

"Whether it applies to fullterm babies, we don't yet know." says Prof Lucas. A powerful lobby believes that long-chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (LCPUFAs)

chain lipids as a food supplement. The Canadian posshould take the credit, and in ition is that the evidence for particular docosahexaenoic doing so is not there," he says. acid, or DHA, which is known "In Europe, it is a hotly deto be involved in the developbated issue, and some people ment of the brain. Research by feel very strongly that it should



Anabel Hands says breast feeding has improved her children's bealth and intelligence

significantly in the breast milk

Prof Lucas says that

although there is increasing

awareness that good early nut-rition is beneficial for neural

development, the jury is still out

on whether or not LCPUFAs

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of mothers who smoked.

Dundee found that infants fed on food enriched with LCPU-FAs achieved better scores in bate is still going on." problem-solving at the age of 10 months than babies reared on traditional formula food.

LCPUFAs are also found in breast milk, but work at the San Paolo Hospital in Italy, reported in The Lancet, found that the Meanwhile, mothers are concentration of DHA dropped

making up their own minds. For Anabel Hands, who lives in Ascot, there was never any doubt that she would breastfeed her children: "I was aware of the research about the benefits," she says, "and so all three of my children have been breast-fed. My seven-year-old is way ahead in her class, with a reading age of about 11. The speech of my second, at twoand a half, is sturning, while my

"It's not only intelligence that is affected; they are healthier too. I consciously decided to stop early with my first child, and I think that was social pressure. With my second, I had more confidence and was very late introducing her to solids. The difference in health between my first and second has

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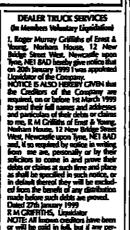
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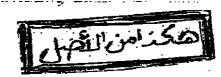
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Feeding babies with breast milk is also associated. with lower rates of bacterial meningitisa insulin dependent diabetes, colitis, botulism, ear infections, necrotising enterecolitis, diarrhoea and respiratory tract infections



WHEN THE Independent asked

Downing Street yesterday for an

interview with Tony Blair about his

with trivia were rather overblown.

was a certain irony in Blair's hour-

the "dumbed down" national news-

papers for focusing on "trivia, min-

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MEDIA

Has this story got the right spin, Mr Blair?

Number 10 plans to bypass Fleet Street to present its own image of Government policy. By Andrew Grice

plans to bypass Fleet Street in order isters' travel expenses, comment and soap opera".

to get his message over to the public, one wag at Number 10 quipped: Asked on Richard and Judy if his "I think we will bypass you on this decision to take part in the proone. But there's a good piece in Cosgramme was to bypass the "spin" mopolitan about it!" The jokes over, that papers put on what he said, the Downing Street man went on to Blair replied: "It is not a question of explain that press reports of Blair bypassing the newspapers because adopting a new media strategy to we deal through the newspapers the combat a Fleet Street obsessed whole time. I do think it is a good idea for people in my position to try and As he spoke, however, the Prime communicate with people directly Minister was giving some credence and to try and talk about things that to the theory by appearing on ITV's really interest people in terms of poli-Richard and Judy Show. There cies and programmes of the Government. And sometimes you can do long appearance on "tabloid TV" the that in better ways than just the day after Downing Street criticised traditional ways."

For example, ministers have been advised to make greater use of

women's magazines and journals Oskar Lafontaine, the German aimed at the ethnic minorities. Downing Street's Strategic Communications Unit now has three fulltime staff dedicated to these two areas. There will be Commons statements by ministers in an attempt to reach the audiences who watch live TV and radio programmes, without the "filter" of the national press.

The seeds of the new strategy were planted in December when Blair was frustrated that newspapers were dominated by rows over Germany's demands for tax harmonisation in the EU. Downing Street spinmeisters were worried that the broadsheet newspapers were following the so-called "tabloid agenda" set when The Sun branded Finance Minister, "the most dangerous man in Europe". Alastair Campbell, Blair's influ-

ential and trusted press secretary. told colleagues that this was an example of Westminster-based journalists coalescing around a "centre of gravity", which he says they do during any running story. This drowned out the Government's message on other issues, and Blair olved to appeal "over the heads"

of the press to the people. But the Government's attempts to regain the initiative were shortlived. Its "Black Christmas" of resignations was followed by a spate of stories about the allegedly lavish

Cunningham, the Cabinet's enforcer, who took trips on Concorde. Campbell does not deny that the Mandelson affair was a "real story". But he is furious about the "Concorde" stories, complaining of little press attention to key elements of the Government's programme once there is no political controversy, citing the national minimum wage, the New

the working families tax credit. So Downing Street has urged ministers to promote such activities in new ways. Campbell was delighted with the coverage in regional newspapers last week after a briefing given by Blair and David Blunkett, the Education Secretary,

"People believe what they read in their regional newspapers more than what they read in the national press," a Downing Street insider insisted yesterday. And so the other reason for the "new strategy": Campbell hopes that, by making Fleet Street's behaviour an issue, it will be more inclined to cover "good

Deal programme for the jobless, and So is it just another attempt to soften up the media? To be fair, Campbell and co have a point about the "dumbing down" of political coverage. The Independent is now the only newspaper with a page devoted to Parliament. Many newspapers are more interested in personalities than policies, though this is partly

news" government initiatives.

ferences between the main parties. As a former political editor of the Daily Mirror, Campbell knows bad news will usually drive out the good. The Tories have not yet discovered the art of opposition, and so the press is helping to fill the vacuum - a perfectly legitimate function in a democratic society. So the Government should not protest too much. As the next general election approaches. Labour will be courting Fleet Street just as assiduously as it did before the 1997 poll, when winning over The Sun was Campbell's greatest coup.

As Enoch Powell said, politicians who complain about the media are like sailors who moan about the sea. Even one Cabinet minister who is critical of the press's behaviour admitted: "Frankly, the politicians get the press they deserve, and vice versa. We are as bad as each other."

He has long been grooming Camilla to take her place at Charles's side. But just who is Mark Bolland? By Stuart Higgins

The man behind Operation Ritz

Mark Bolland touched down at Heathrow just 24 hours before the curtain went up on the Charles and Camilla show, ready to weave his own stitch of magic into the historic day. Mr Bolland, deputy private secretary to the Prince of Wales, is the true architect of Operation Ritz, in which 15 seconds of blinding flashbulbs ended at least 12 years of ducking and diving.

Together in public at last, and mission impossible is mission accomplished, without as much as a hundred quid changing hands for the photo that the paparazzi had tagged as worth over film. The next day's headlines and editorials told a remarkable story of rehabilitation, tolerance and forgiveness, testimony to the triumph of the St James's Palace "spinformation" department. Reports in The Sun and The Mir-

ror were warm - the two newspapers together represent over 17 million readers, so their editorials sent powerful messages to the whole of Britain, actively encouraging and supporting Charles and Camilla. The Mirror's instant poll did show a 4-1 or 77 per cent vote against the "coming out" but an identical poll a year ago would have been running at 8-1 against. As far as St James's Palace is concerned, public opinion is heading in the right direction.

Mr Bolland, former director of the Press Complaints Commission, had returned from Los Angeles to take personal control of Operation Ritz, and had privately assured his contacts at The Sun and Daily Mail by lic figure. She is careful with her telephone that Thursday 28 January was T-Day, or Together Day.

His information, when supplied, is like a golden nugget falling from the sky for the hand-picked assortment of editors and reporters he chooses to entrust. Newspapers are more conscious than ever of keeping costs down but this little gem of knowledge was reliable enough to send the veteran royal photographers to seek out the best vantage spots in front of London's Ritz Hotel from Tuesday afternoon

vance party has been launched since the heady days of Diana's public engagements. It was also a poignant reminder of her own last hours at the Paris Ritz.

Mr Bolland has been in charge of the "Camilla Factor" - as it was referred to in private Palace meetings - since before Diana died in the summer of 1997. He speaks to her every day and has introduced her to influential people such as Peter Mandelson, who she thinks is "absolutely charming and great company". In turn, Camilla has enormous respect for Mr Bolland, who has cun-



ningly and discreetly positioned the royal mistress under the Palace wing. But he has also been shrewd enough to close down areas of risk to her as she becomes more of a pubchoice of friends and the nature of her conversation, although her earthy sense of humour is regarded as one of her finest attributes.

At one stage she stuck a cartoon on her fridge door which appeared in a newspaper at the time part of the ceiling fell in at Buckingham Palace. The cartoon depicts the Queen knighting a subject and looking up towards the debris; the caption reads something like: "Can you keep the noise down, Charles and Camilla?" It made Camilla and her

 probably the first time such an ad-house guests laugh out loud. Mr Bolland has also worked as-

siduously behind the scenes at wining, dining and briefing editors at The Sun, the Daily Mail and The Daily Telegraph, which he feels are key fields of influence for Camilla's safe and steady passage from relative obscurity and notoriety to controlled fame and understanding. He is never short of an invitation from a journalist who fancies his chances of picking up the crumbs of a story but Mr Bolland's agenda - on behalf of his master - is far greater and not necessarily in step with his crusty counterparts at Buckingham Palace.

Indeed, it is true the Queen did momentous events unfolding round more than three times this year. the corner from her London home.

The Queen was 'relieved' that the couple had made a public appearance together at last

Her most senior courtiers, such as private secretary Sir Robert Fellowes, have openly disapproved of the relationship and even encouraged the Prince to end it. Sir Robert is to be replaced next month by Sir Robin Janvrin who, with Mary Francis, is regarded as "more enlightened" on the Camilla issue. One senior aide said the Queen was "relieved" that the couple had made a public appearance together at last but it has not changed her views on the matter which are private".

The actual "coming out" cere-mony had several "false starts", principally due to fears of a backlash over the suitability of the occasion. The Prince's advisers were anxious not to be seen to "hijack" a high-profile event and use it as a convenient. vehicle for their public debut.

A first opportunity arose at a gala for Camilla's charity, the National

Osteoporosis Society in late 1997. The invitation list had been sent out to politicians, celebrities and friends of the charity but the sudden death of the Princess of Wales made the event a non-starter and it was Camilla herself who instantly cancelled it. Camilla will be taking an active

public role in fund-raising events over the next three months as well as openly accompanying the Prince to the opera and his beloved theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon. There will be a holiday, which could even involve an organised photocall, similar to the "take your pictures and clear off" deals at Klosters but it is unlikely not know in advance any detail of the they will be seen together in public The two other occasions ruled out

as potential T-Days were a 50th birthday party event for Prince Charles at Hampton Court Palace and the wedding of Santa Palmer-Tomkinson - the daughter of Camilla's best friend Patti. After much consultation and soul-searching it was agreed Charles and Camilla's appearance would be perceived as insensitively upstaging the wedding day. There could be no royal occasion where it would happen because of the dignatories involved so Camilla, Charles, Mr Bolland and private secretary Stephen Lamport earmarked the 50th birthday of

Camilla's sister, Annabel Elliot. The event was considered "perfect" because Annabel is a private person who does not chase publicity. She was "delighted" to be chosen as the vehicle, which will now ironically elevate her stature to the history books, simply because it was her hash that made the splash!

But the most important step in Camilla's inevitable drift towards a public debut came at a secret reception for the National Osteoporosis Society on 3 December at the south London home of Kip Forbes. a member of the Forbes publishing company, It was hosted by Camilla, Kip and Jane Weinberger, the wife of the former American defence secretary Caspar Weinberger. "The idea was really to help build up



Mark Bolland, in charge of the 'Camilla factor' since before Diana's death

Camilla's confidence and reassure her," said one guest. The other motive was to allow Camilla to mix with a carefully chosen group of "media types" who could help bolster her nervous spirit. They included Sir David Frost and his wife, Lady Carina, the Daily Mail columnist Anne Leslie, the deputy editor

of The Sun, Rebekah Wade, and her now ex-partner, the EastEnders star Ross Kemp.

It has been well documented that the historic event had to take place now so as not to overshadow the 19 June wedding of Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones. And if there is another royal wedding in 10 years'

time, perhaps Mark Bolland will be best man, or perhaps he will be waiting in the wings of the TV studio as Charles and Camilla tell Chris

Stuart Higgins was editor of The Sun' from 1994-1998. He is now a

A war in Africa provides opportunity for homegrown talent

Local journalists are providing most of the coverage of the crisis in Sierra Leone. By Alex Duval Smith

THE WAR in Sierra Leone has taken a heavy toll on journalists but in four weeks of fighting in the capital, Freetown, African correspondents have for the first time provided the most widely seen coverage of a major story on their own continent.

After the death on 10 January of Myles Tierney, a US producer for Associated Press Television News. and the shooting of his Canadian colleague, Ian Stewart, one French and one Spanish journalist were abducted last week by rebels. The dangerous situation - in which at one point the BBC, which walks a tightrope in Sierra Leone, was being urged to broadcast a pro-rebel communique - has left many correspondents wary of travelling to the

small West African country. At least 3,000 people have died in the conflict, including an Indian nun escaping rebel capture and a One BBC Africa Service stringer.

Lansana Fofana, has gone into hiding and two Sierra Leoneans working for local media, Jenne Cole and Mohammed Kamara, are reportedly

hostages of the rebels. Throughout the first three weeks fighting, the only television pictures beamed around the world by the BBC, CNN and others were sent by two Reuters television journalists, Jeff Koinange and Clotaire Achi, respectively Kenyan and Ivoirian.

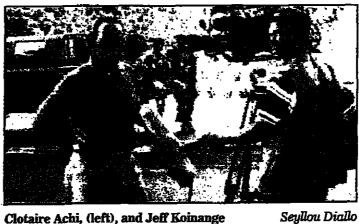
The Independent and other daily newspapers use photographs by Seyilou Diallo, 34, of Agence France Presse's main bureau in Senegal. Komange, the producer, and Achi,

the cameraman, who were in the same ill-fated convoy as Tierney and Stewart, said that they stayed on "to keep the story in the news, for Sierra Leonean radio journalist. Myles's sake". Apart from a couple of reports - by a crew sent in on a

lightning visit - BBC television used Koinange and Achi's footage, scripted and voiced in London, as is standard with agency material. The BBC World Service has a

strong presence in Sierra Leone. The Africa Service is the main source of information for soldiers of the Nigerian-led Ecomog - and almost certainly for the rebels, too. Along with his FN30 rifle, virtually every soldier has a small FM radio.

So when two journalists, Javier Espinosa of El Mundo, and Patrick Saint-Paul of Le Figuro, were abducted in eastern Freetown last Monday, their captors decided to make use of the BBC. They released Saint-Paul with the message that Espinosa would remain in their hands until BBC Focus on Africa reported that the rebels were not responsible for mutilating civilians and were in



Clotaire Achi, (left), and Jeff Koinange

control of Rukupa, where the journalists were abducted.

to that sort of pressure. In the event, Patrick did not contact us. We

event, Patrick did not contact us. We Jeff Phillips, editor of news and learnt of the rebels' demand only current affairs at Bush House, said: when our Madrid bureau was "We would absolutely never respond flooded with calls after Patrick's

story was published." Espinosa was released last Wednesday after the Spanish foreign office intervened. Last October, a former BBC World Service journalist, Hilton Fyel, was sentenced to death in Freetown for his role in backing the

military junta that controlled Sierra Leone from May 1997 to February 1998. On death row, he was released from jail by the rebels when they entered Freetown earlier this month. His whereabouts are not known.

Nor is that of Fofana, one of two BBC Africa Service stringers in Freetown. He spent 13 days hiding from rebels in a ceiling in Kissy, in the east of the capital, before emerging briefly to file a report and then

disappearing again. The Paris-based group Reporters Sans Frontières last week appealed to Liberia and Burkina Faso, whose

ing the rebels – to allow journalists to work freely in Sierra Leone. African journalists take enormous risks to report news for Africanbased media and radio organisations such as the BBC World Service and Radio France International. Koinange and Achi, based in Abidian, Ivory Coast, do not run the

leaders are both implicated in back-

same kinds of risks as stringers who live in the countries they report on and live with the consequences of what they report. But their triumph is that they have, in the last three weeks, broken through one of the 'glass ceilings" of journalism. When it comes to big stories for

domestic audiences, most European and US-based news rooms prefer to "send" rather than use African talent. "I do not think the London news-room realises we are black." said Koinange. They will soon. He and Achi have been invited to head office this week

Emap's magazine guru Barry McIlheney is looking for another smash hit. By Mary Braid

Can he take the heat?

D-Day for Barry McIlheney, 40, the Belfast-born managing director of Emap Metro, home of the magazine giant Emap's "laddish" music and film titles. Heat, the much-hyped new entertainment weekly for twenty-and thirtysomethings, makes its first appearance on newsstands after one of the longest gestation periods in Emap's history.

But six years after Heat became a twinkle in the eye of several Emap Metro executives - though it is regarded as primarily McIlheney's baby - the MD claims to be losing no sleep over its chances in a big, brutal world. He remains cool in the face of some gloomy predictions following the recent failure of a number of new magazines.

Sitting in his unexpectedly unglamorous office off London's Oxford Street, the big, rough-edged McIlheney - more bloke-down-thepub than smooth, big-time executive -admits that the market is "tougher than a year ago", but points out that Emap Metro has suffered less than most companies.

His confidence in Heat, however, almost certainly owes much to another factor - McIlheney has had little personal experience of failure. Low-profile he may be, but it is Mc-Ilheney who has quietly engineered and presided over some of Emap's greatest successes.

Under his editorship, the pop nagazine Smash Hits saw its circulation rocket from 400,000 to 100.000. He went on to launch the righly successful film magazine Empire, and he was MD of Emap Vietro when the company acquired "HM, a small-circulation, rag-trade nagazine, and transformed it into a new, "laddish" monthly with a cirulation of 700,000. Launched to ompete with IPC's Loaded, it mocked its rival into a corner. In icIlheney's four years at the helm. of Emap Metro, all titles with the exeption of Neon, which closed to nake way for Heat, have flourished.

All this information is reeled off it breakneck speed by the fast-talkng Irishman. "We have done the esearch and hired some of the est people in town," he says. "I'm wietly confident." He expects Heat, is first hands-on launch since 'mpire, to have lured 100,000 readrs by the summer.

The front covers of all Emap fetro's magazines are displayed ecrets of their success, he says, is passion for magazines. neir shared self-deprecating tone. traight from the humorous McIl- but unremarkable given the editors gootlideas.



McIlheney hopes Heat's non-anoraky mix of film and music, appealing to both sexes, will sell 100,000 a week

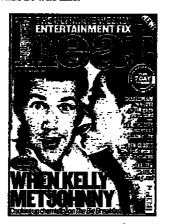
heney. He started in journalism as a student reviewer for Melody Maker. He jokes that the period is now remembered only for the smack in the mouth he received from Kevin Rowlands of Dexy's Midnight Runners, irate over something he wrote.

He admits that the switch from Melody Maker journalist - music bible of the truly purist - to editor of Emap Metro's teeny-bopping, trashy Smash Hits might have been too great a moral leap for many. "But then I was always a bit poppy," he says wryly: "...to the right of Melody Maker..." What the move showed, of course, was that McIlheney was as interested in the business of magazines as the writing

He plays down his influence on the huge rise in Smash Hits' circulation after he took over. "There was a bit of the luck of the Irish," he says, arguing that Smosh Hits' success owed much to the changes taking place in pop music then. But those who watched McIlheney's rise say that it was the first sign of formidroudly above his desk. One of the able talent, and an all-consuming

He was 26 when he took over at

who followed. Mark Frith, who is also involved in the Heat launch, was just 23 when he became the boss at Smosh Hits. "You can't appoint a 14year-old to edit Smash Hits - though the thought has crossed our minds," says McIlheney. "So you need someone who can still remember what 14 was like."



McIlheney believes he was lucky find a company that nurtures talent - where enthusiasts, not driedup accountants, invent and shape titles - and the board operates like t is a tone that might have come Smash Hits. That was precocious, a "benevolent bank", eager to back

is the starting-point for a new magazine. "Emap is the kind of company that doesn't care if you are young or old, as long as you are good."

While Emap has a "cradle-tograve" approach to magazine publishing - with titles targeted at every age group from 10 to 70 - the average age of staff at Emap Metro is terrifyingly young. Does that worry McIlheney, now that he has reached the hideously advanced age of 40? He uses the word "groovy", for instance, but, unlike most of his staff, must remember it from first time round. "It is nice to be here," he says, "for the ironic second take." He warms to the theme. One minute, he says, you are at the staff party strutting your funky stuff; the next, you are the "avuncular figure" being pulled on to the floor by the girls from the typing pool.

But he seems to have no real fear of being put out to grass. McIlheney plans to see Heat established in the market-place, then Emap is moving him to a position of comparable seniority in Paris

Gone are the days when Emap could offer ambitious staff only the summer, or will Heat, as some prechoice of "London, Peterborough or dict, be his first taste of failure?

At Emap, he says, market Kettering". In the last five years, it research is important, but the idea has become an international company, with titles in Australia, France and the US.

> So what can we expect from McIlheney in Paris? More acquisitions and launches of the entertainment and male titles that have become his trademark he says. Will laddishness survive a Channel crossing? He believes that "10 pints and a curry, and hunting in packs" will always be around in Britain, but he is not sure it will translate directly to France. It may be, of course, that Frenchmen are more highly evolved than their British counterparts? That's the trouble with women over 30, says McIlheney: they just don't get laddish irony.

But there will be nothing laddish about Heat, which must win over men and women. McIlheney believes there is a gap in the market for a magazine that covers both music and film. In the late Nineties, he says, specialist knowledge in just one area is judged "anoraky".

The only question now, he says, is: will 100,000 a week go out and buy it? Will it allow McIlheney to board the train for Paris a happy man this

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THE WORD ON THE STREET

DESPITE ITS egalitarian pretensions, The Guardian seems to take the same attitude to small competitors as the Murdoch empire.

Both The Guardian's education section and the Times Educational Supplement have refused to run an advert from Teaching Today, a new website carrying daily education news.

The TES had to run a filler last Friday when the ad was pulled at the last minute, while The Guardian's sales team confessed the decision to refuse Teaching Today's ad had come from the very top of

the paper.

Teaching Today has written to the Office of Fair Trading and we're sure this David and Goliath battle will get the coverage it deserves.

DAVID MONTGOMERY'S departure from Mirror Group may have come too late to save the career of one of his great rivals. German business magazines were forecasting last week that Gus Fischer would have to step down as chairman of Axel Springer Verlag because of his failure to take-over Mirror Group last year. It seems a harsh punishment for the ex-News International boss.

If every executive who had failed to take out Monty was given his cards there would only be Victor Blank left in the

JOURNALIST ANDREW Jennings should be feeling pretty good this week. Mr Jennings was the author of a 1992 book, The Lords of the Rings: Power, Money and Drugs in the Modern Olympics, which made all the allegations that the IOC "discovered" last week when it expelled six members for corruption. The IOC has even said it will at last give Mr Jennings accreditation to Olympic events and press

Out of pique it has refused to do so for years. Not only that but Olympic president Juan Samaranch sued him for libel in 1992 and Mr Jennings was sentenced to a five-day prison sentence in his absence by a court in Lausanne.

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IT IS often lamented by the left. of-centre press that a left-ofcentre government has done nothing for the circulation of a magazine like the New Statesman. Well sales may not be affected by changing governments, but advertising revenue certainly is The current issue of the NS contains a mysterious-looking advert from a company called Wizard, Under the banner "Making joint military operations a success" is a picture that looks suspiciously like a reconnaissance picture of military targets. Hardly fitting for the NS's lefty readership you might have thought. But you would be wrong. Wizard is a radar system backed by defence contractors British Aerospace and Northrup. among others, and it is pitching for a juicy new government contract. If only one backbench Labour MP spots the ad and mentions it to a defence procurement minister it will be money well spent.

THE SUNDAY Telegraph leader this Sunday lamented that newspapers had allowed themselves to be dominated by the musings of Glenn Hoddle on reincarnation. His views, pontificated the paper, were "not as preposterous and offensive as the spectacle of people treating them as being of great importance".

Can this be the same Sunday Telegraph which carried a front-page story on Hoddle, a p21 full-page news focus on the England coach's strange beliefs and a sportspage editorial accusing him of having lost the last shred of credibility? How preposterous

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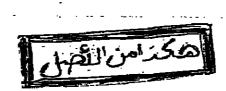
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NEW FILMS

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15) Director: Guy Madden

Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Empire Leicester Square, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street. Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

> STEPMOM (12) Director: Chris Columbus

Starring: Susan Sarandon, Julia Roberts

Notebooks out for your authentic Mom Movie recipe. Lay a pastry of wisecracks, add tears and shrink-wrapped life lessons, then ice it all off with a dedication to the director's own "mom". Stepmom skimps on nothing. This sugar-glazed, oven-ready affair casts an out-of-sorts Susan Sarandon as a middle-aged matriarch squabbling over her offspring with the new model mom (Julia Roberts) that hubby Ed Harris has hooked up with. The first mom gets poorly and laughter turns to tears (or at least weary resignation). Sad but true, mothers die too. Didn't your mom teach you anything?

West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

TWO GIRLS AND A GUY (15) Director: James Toback

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Heather Graham James Toback's taut ménage à trois drama prowis edgily around its lone loft-space location

and probes aggressively at the psychological make-up of its three central characters. Heather Graham and Natasha Gregson Warner are the duped girlfriends of Robert Downey Jr's love-rat prima donna, and Two Girls and a Guy gives them plenty of room to move and breathe turning the resulting yarn into a pungent acting showcase. Toback's picture is essentially filmed theatre, and struggles to sustain itself throughout a feature-length running time. That said, the vibrant writing and moody atmospherics cast a considerable spell. West End: Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket. Local: Warner Village Finchley Road

VERY BAD THINGS (18)

Director: Peter Berg Starring: Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz

A bunch of stag-weekenders accidentally kill a Las Vegas whore, intentionally murder the security guard who rumbles the crime, then start coming apart at the seams on their arrival home. Peter Berg's debut serves up swaggering, gross-out comedy in a Loaded magazine style, but it's finally a film with nowhere to go save from shrill to shriller to shrillest. More crucially, you're never quite sure whether Berg is satirising his rapacious white males or merely indulging them in their thirtysomething kicks. Virtuoso nastiness, plus some full-throttle acting from Daniel Stern (as the gang's most guilt-ridden member) and Cameron Diaz (a ball-breaking fiancée) lend the mess a certain shameful allure. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadera, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

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THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

The Opposite of Sex (18) Christina Ricci (right) plays 16-year-old bitchon-wheels Dedee, causing

havoc when she moves in with her brother (Martin

 π (15)

Darren Aronofsky's début, filmed in sooty blackand-white, tells the story of a genius mathematician. This stylish indie movie fearlessly combines Wall Street, Jewish mysticism and nightmarish headaches.

Shakespeare in Love (15) This enjoyable romp suggests how romance fired Shakespeare with the creative inspiration for Romeo and Juliet. Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow head a multi-star cast.

The Dream Life of Angels (18) Erick Zonca's remarkable debut draws its strength from the contrasting personalities of Isa (Elotie Bouchez) and Marie (Natacha Regnier). whose friendship comes alive in Lille.

The Truman Show (PG)

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THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

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it finally emerges as a tighter, magnificent show. To 13 Feb

Visions from the blackest of times, To 20 Mar

TOM LUGBOUK

GENERAL RELEASE

THE ACID HOUSE (18)

A trio of interrelated shorts culled from the stories of Irvine Welsh. Less poised and populist than Trainspotting, but more edgy and intense, too. West End: Odeon Comden Town

BULWORTH (18)

Dog-tired and disillusioned at the end of a campaign, senator Jay Bulworth (Warren Beatty) turns suicidal loose cannon, lifting the lid on US politics, hanging out in the 'hood and delivering his speeches in abrasive rap stylings. . > Trude and condescending on occasion, yet genuinely audacious and committed, too.

West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Odeon Kensington, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

CLASS TRIP (LA CLASSE DE NEIGE) (15) This pungent child's-eye psycho-drama switches nervously between stark naturalism and florid dream sequences.

West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue Repertory: Cine Lumiere

THE DREAM LIFE OF ANGELS (18) See The Independent Recommends, above.

West End: ABC Swiss Centre

ELIZABETH (15)

Shekhar Kapur's story of a woman struggling to gain purchase in a male world largely neglects the opportunities for fun in a story of independence triumphing over cruelty.

West End: ABC Panton Street, Curzon Minema, Odeon Mezzanine Repertory: The Lux Cinema, "National Film Theatre, Phoenix Cinema, Riverside Studios Cinema

ENEMY OF THE STATE (15)

Will Smith's fall-guy DA teams up with Gene Hackman's pensioned-off Pentagon warhorse in this big, noisy and effectively claustrophobic conspiracy thriller

West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

Mark Christopher's retro-trip through the heyday of New York's Studio 54 boasts a glitterball turn from Mike Myers (as club-boss Steve Rubell) but not a whole lot else. This is a garbled, underdeveloped run-through of dance-floor chic as Ryan Phillippe's colourless busboy falls in with the beautiful folk and learns the downside of life in the fast lane. Tatty stuff, all told.

West End: Odeon Comden Town, Virgin Haymarket. Warner Village West End. Local: Dagenham Warner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley T1 12, UCI Surrey Quays

HANA-BI (18)

Violent vet elegiac portrait of a brutal Japanese policeman pushed over the edge. Its dreamlike style makes it strangely moving. Local: Beckenham Studio, Greenwich Cinema

HILARY AND JACKIE (15)

Full-throttle playing from Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson sustains Anand Tucker's wartsand-all biopic of the Du Pré sisters Hilary (shy, married flautist) and Jacqueline (worldfamous cellist). Sibling rivalries, a ménage à trois and terminal illness are all carefully navigated by Tucker's finely-wrought direction, though it's as an acting showcase that the

film really hits home. West End: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House. Curzon Mayfair, Curzon Soho. Gate Notling Hill. Odeon Kensington, dem Swiss Cottage, Renoir, Ritay Cinema, 1. ven on the Hill. And local cinemas

TLE VOICE (15)

toled up in her room, Jane Horrocks perfects shirley Bassey/Judy Garland impersonations. Bracing black comedy, Horrocks's vocal pyrotechnics, plus a marvellously weighted urn from Michael Caine succeed in pushing it

brough to the final curtain. Nest End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Samden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odean Swiss Cottage, Odean West End, Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road Repertory: Phoenix Imema. And local cinemas

THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG)

This gaudy swashbuckler gallops full-speed through 19th-century California in the company of Antonio Banderas's authentically Hispanic do-gooder.

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MEET JOE BLACK (12)

Picking his way through Martin Brest's underdeveloped rehaul of Death Takes a Holiday goes Brad Pitt's aquiline Grim Reaper, who gets chaperoned round the everyday delights of planet Earth by Anthony Hopkins' dying billionaire. The film has a few neat themes and a reliably solid turn from Hopkins, but it is too much a picture of disparate pieces.

West End: Empire Leicester Square, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

MY NAME IS JOE (15)

Ken Loach's solid social-realist drama tells the tale of Joe (Peter Mullan), a recovering alcoholic torn between his old life (drugs, crime) and his new (a romance with Louise Goodall's middleclass health visitor). My Name is Joe brilliantly spotlights the groping hopes and thwarted ambitions of a Britain caught below the poverty line. West End: ABC Panton Street Local: Bezleyheath Cineworld Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX (18)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. Local: Croydon Warner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12. Feltham Cineworld the Movies, Warner Village Finchley Road, UCI Surrey Quays

THE PARENT TRAP (PG)

The Parent Trap catches Disney cannibalising its own back catalogue, re-heating its 1961 Hayley Mills heart-warmer into a spry, cross-cultural caper starring Lindsay Lohan as the separatedat-birth twin sisters (one British, one American) determined to get their parents (Natasha Richardson, Dennis Quaid) back together.

West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. Local: Acton Park Royal Warner Village, Barnet Odeon, Beckenham ABC, Bexleyheath Cineworld, Bromley Odeon, Croydon Fairfield Halls, Croydon Warner Village, Dagenham Warner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Feltham Cineworld the Movies, Warner Village North Finchley, Warner Village Finchley Road, Greenwich Cinema, Hampstead ABC, Holloway Odeon, Itford Odeon, Kingston ABC Options, Peckham Premier, Putney ABC, Staples Corner Virgin, Streatham Odeon, New Stratford Picture House, Sutton UCI 6, UCI Surrey Quays, Wimbledon Odeon, Woodford ABC

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See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Curzon Soho, Repertory: Phoenix Cinema

PRACTICAL MAGIC (12)

Essentially a sibling soap-opera with a dash of mumbo-jumbo, Practical Magic sees Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman cast as two mismatched sisters raised from a line of witches and hexing any unlucky man who swings into their orbit. The canny star-pairing is soon spoilt by the film's turmoil of undigested influences. West End: ABC Ponton Street, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U)

In planning his cartoon life of Moses, DreamWorks honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg envisaged it "painted by Claude Monet and photographed by David Lean". The end result ends up looking more like The Ten Commandments by way of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat.

West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Plaza, Ritzy Cinema

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6pm, 8.45pm ODEON WEST END Leicester 1,55pm, 8.55pm 6.20pm, Stepmom 12.10pm. 2.55pm. 5.40pm, 8,30pm

CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) ⊕ Sloane Square Hllary and Jackie 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm epsi uhax cinema (0171-494 4153) @ Piccadillo Circus Everest 9.05pm L5 (IMAX) 2.40pm, 4.45pm, 7pm T-Rec; Back to the Cretaceous (3-D) 1.35pm, 3.40pm, 5.45pm, 8pm, 10.05pm

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(0171-837 8402) Russell Square The Apple (SR) 1pm, 2.55pm, 4,50pm, 6.45pm, 8.45pm Hilary and Jackle 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm

RITZY CINEMA (0171-733 2229) BR/O Brixton Ott-1-34 2233 (2004-2014)

Leicester Square/fortenham
Court Road Bulworth 1.45pm,
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Jackie Ipm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm,
9.15pm x (Pl) 1.30pm, 4pm,
5.45pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm Angel Sharks (Marie Bale des Anges) 3.15pm Bulworth 5pm. 7.20pm, 9.35pm Hilary and Jackie 4pm. 6.35pm. 9.05pm Little Voice 3pm, 5.15pm, Little Voice 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.30pm The Opposite of Sex 2.20pm, 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.20pm (+ Shore: Horseshoe) Shakespeare in Love 2pm, 4.25pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm

> SCREEN ON BAKER STREET (0171-935 2772) ⊕ Baker Street The Opposite of Sex 2.40pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm Shakespeare in Love 3.10pm, 6,25pm, 9pm

Gate Hilary and Jackle 1pm, 3.35pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) → Highbury & Islington Shakespeare 3.35pm, 6.20pm, 9pm (0870-907 0718) O Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith Little Voice

SCREEN ON THE HILL (0171-435 3366) & Belsize Park Practical Magic 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Shakespeare in Hilary and Jackle 3.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm

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VIRGIN HAYMARKET
(0870-907 0712) & Piccadilly
Circus 54 2.10pm, 4.20pm,
6.30pm, 8.45pm Bulworth 1pm,
3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm Two
Girls and a Guy 1.40pm, 4pm,
6.20pm, 8.55pm

3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9.15pm

6.20pm. 8.55pm VIRGIN TROCADERO
(0870-907 0716) & Piccadilly
Circus Enemy of the State
12noon, 2.50pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm
Meet Joe Black 12.30pm,
4.20pm, 8pm Out of Sight
12noon, 2.50pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm
Practical Magic 12noon, 2.15pm,
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6.40pm, 9pm WARNER VILLAGE WEST END (0171-437 4343) & Leicester Square 54 9.20pm Bulmorth 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 9pm The Mask of Zorro 12.30pm, 3.20pm, 6.30pm The Opposite of Sex 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm A Perfect Murder 1.30pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm, Practical Magic 12noon, 12.50pm, 2.50pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.20pm (+ Short: Eight) Rush Hour 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm Very Bad Things 11.50am, 2.10pm, 4.30pm.

CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

7pm, 9.30pm What Dreams May Come 6.35pm, 9.10pm.

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) & Park Royal But-worth 9.05pm Enemy of the State 1.35pm, 4.20pm, 7pm, 9.50pm Little Voice 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm Meet Joe Black 1.10pm, 4.50pm, 8.30pm Practical Magic 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6.97, 5.55pm 12,30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 8.55pm The Siege 2pm, 4.40pm, 7.20pm, The Siege 2pm, 4.40pm, 7.20pm, 10pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm Septemon 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.30pm Very Bad Things 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm, 9.40pm

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BECKENHAM ABC (0870 9020412) BR: Beckenham Junction Enemy of the State 2.15pm, 8.20pm The Governess 11.20am, 5.50pm Practical Magic 1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm Shakespeare in Love 2.10pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm

BEXLEYHEATH CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR: Bexlevheath AA AB Laut Chalain 12noon, 6pm Bulworth 3.30pm, 9.15pm Enemy of the State 1.30pm. 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm Little Voice 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.05pm, 9.25pm The Mask of Zorro 2.45pm, 6pm Meet Joe Black 12.45pm, 4,15pm, 7.45pm Practical Magic 12.35pm, 2.50pm, 5.10pm, 7.30pm, 9.50pm Shakespeare in Love 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm The Siege 12.10pm, 8.45pm Stepnom 12.0pm, 6.50pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.35pm Very Bad Things 12.40pm, 3pm. 5.15pm, 7.35pm, 9.55pm

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ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Carford Practical Magic 3,45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 2.30pm, 5pm. 8.40pm

CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: West/East Croydon Dancing Ar Lughnasa 8.35pm The Land Girls 6.15pm Left Luggage 4pm

SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon Hum Aapke Dil Meln Rehte Hain phone for times Hu Tu Tu phone for times Meet Joe Black 5.30pm, 8.40pm The Siege 5.40pm, 8.15pm

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EALING VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870 9070719) BR/O Ealing Broadway Practical Magic 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm Shakespeare in Love 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.40pm Stepmom 2.30pm, 5.30pm.

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CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 0555) BR: Feltham AA AB Laut Chalain 11.55am, 3.30pm, 7.30pm

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Monet in the 20th Century

THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

(Royal Academy)

The gardens ar a ponds at Giverny dissolve into elemental visions: flery lights, haze, liquid reflections, words and depths. The strange last works of Impressionism. To 18 Apr

Portraits by Ingres (National Gallery) Some of the smartest, most intense portraiture ever. in: icons of power. Women: evaposite melances of fless, and fabric, dreams of sex and money. Images: of triumphont bourse as luxury. To 25 Apr

Andreas Gursky (Serpentine Gallery) Photographs 1991-98; wide-vision, high-finish. madefailed vistas of our world - stock-exchange

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European war through the etchings of Jacques Callot. Gova (right) and Otto Dix.

Willie Doherty (MoMA, Oxford) "Somewhere Else": a nervy, multi-screen video installation by this leading Irish artist, reflects on sectarian terror and state security, To 4 Apr

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GREENWICH CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich Bulworth 9.45pm Hilary And Jackie 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.30pm Little Voice 4.55pm, 7pm, 9 05pm Shakespeare in Love 3.55pm, 6.35pm, 9.15pm

HAMPSTEAD ABC (0870-9020413) ⊕ Belsize Park Little Volce 2pm, 4.15pm. 6.30pm, 8.45pm Shakespeare in Love 2.35pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm Very Bad Things 1.35pm, 3.55pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm

HAMMERSHITH

VIRGIN (0870-9070718) ← Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith Little Voice 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm. 9pm Practical Magic 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Shakespeare in Love 12.50pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9.10pm Stepmom 12,40pm, 3,20pm, 6pm,

SAFARI (0181-426 0303) ↔ Har now on the Hill/Harrow & Wealdstone Doli Sajake Rakhna 1.30pm Fin 7pm, 9pm Hu Tu Tu 8,45pm The Soldier (Aslan Film) 5pm WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427

9009) ◆ Harrow on the Hill Bul-worth 4.25pm, 9.40pm Enemy of The State 10.15am, 12.55pm, 3.45pm, 6.35pm, 9.30pm Little Voice 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Meet Joe Black 12.40pm, 4.20pm, 8.10pm The Opposite of Sex 11.50am. 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.55pm, 9.20pm Practical Magic 11.30am, 2.10pm 4.40pm, 7.20pm, 9.50pm Shakespeare In Love 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm The Siege 1.50pm, 7.10pm Stepmom 12.10pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm Very Bad Things 11.40am, 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm, 9.10pm

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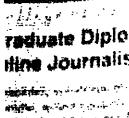
KINGSTON UPON THAMES ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston Meet Joe Black 2.15pm, 7.15pm Practical Magic 2.25pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Shakespeare in Love 2.10pm, 5.25pm.

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (08705 050007) @ Highgate Practical Magic 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love 12.55pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm, Sandard 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.35pm

PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rye Bulworth 9.50pm En-emy of the State 3.55pm, 6.30pm, 9.05pm Little Voice 4pm, 6pm, 8pm Practical Magic 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm Shakespeare in Love 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9pm The Slege 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm Very Bad Things 4.50pm, 7.05pm, 9.25pm

PURLEY ABC (0670-9020407) BR: Purley Little Voice 6.10pm, 8.30pm Meet Joe Black 7.10pm Very Bad Things 5.40pm, 8.10pm

ABC (0870 9020401) BR: Putney/® Putney Bridge Little Voice 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm Practical Magic 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.05pm, 8.25pm Shakespeare in Love 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm



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ABC (0870-9020419) PR- Romford Practical Magic 2.30pm, 5.55pm, 8.25pm The Siege 2.25pm, 5.30pm, 8.10pm Very Bad Things

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SIDCLIP ABC (0541-555131) BR: Sidcup Littie Voice 6.15pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 6pm, 8.40pm

Virkgin (0870-9070717) BR: Cricklewood Enemy Of the State 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.25pm, 9.10pm Little 3.40pm, 6.25pm, 9.10pm Little Voice 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm Practical Magic 1.30pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.10pm Shakespeare in Love 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.50pm The Siege 9.20pm Stepmom 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm Very Bad Things 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.40pm, 9pm

STREATHAM ABC (0870-9020415) BR: Streatham Hill Antz 5.45pm Meet Joe Black 2.10pm, 7.35pm Psycho 8.55pm Shakespeare in Love 2.25pm, 5.35pm, 8.25pm Star Trek Insurrection 2.15pm, 4.30pm,

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STRATFORD NEW STRATFORD PICTURE HOUSE (0181-555 3366) BR/O Stratford East Bulworth 6.50pm Practical Magic 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 9pm Shakespeare in Love 12.55pm, 3.25pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Stepmom 1pm, 3.35pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 1.30pm, 4pm, 9.10pm

SURREY QUAYS UCI (0990 888990) ⊕ Surrey Quays Bulworth 7pm Enemy of the State 3,30pm, 9,40pm Little Voice 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm Meet Joe Black 4.45pm, 8.25pm The Oppo-site of Sex 4.20pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Practical Magic 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love 3.10pm, 6pm, 9pm The Siege 9.40pm Stepmom 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm Twilight 4.10pm, 6.40pm Very Bad Things 5pm, 7.20pm, 9.55pm

UCI 6 (0990-888990) BR: Sutton/ Morden Enemy of the State 6.45pm, 9.30pm Little Voice 4.10pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm The Parent Trap 3.55pm Practical Magic 3.25pm, 9.30pm Shakespeare in e 3.40pm, 6.35pm, 9.15pm Star Trek: Insurrection 4,400m Stepmom 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9pm Twilight 7pm Very Bad Things

TURNPIKE LANE CORONET (0181-888 2519) @ Turnpike Lane Bulworth 3.45pm, 6pm, 8.35pm The Siege 3.35pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Very Bad Things 3.55pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm

UXRRIDGE ODEON (08705 050007) + Uxbridge Practical Magic 1.50pm, 4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm Stepmom

ABC (0870-9020424) Waltham-4,10pm, 6,20pm, 8,30pm Meet Joe Black 2,10pm, 7,20pm Very Bad Things 1,25pm, 3,55pm, 6,05pm,

WALTON ON THAMES THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR: Walton on Thames Shakespeare in Love 3.10pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm St 2.50pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm Stepmon

WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: Eltham Meet Joe Black 3.45pm, 7.25pm Shakespeare in Love 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

WITH PROPEN BELLE-VUE (0181-830 0822) + Willesden Green Meet Joe Black

ODEON (08705 050007) BR/O Wimbledon/ South Wimbledon Enemy of the State 2.10pm, 8.20pm Little Voice 2.05pm. 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Meet Joe Black 4.55pm Practical Magic 1.35pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45 Shakespeare in Love 12,20pm, 2.55pm, 5.35pm, 8.20pm Stepmom

2.30pm, 5.35pm, 8.25pm WOODFORD MOODFORD

ABC (0181-989 3463) & South

Woodford Utile Voice 2.10pm, 4,20pm, 6,30pm, 8,40pm Sh speare in Love 2,40pm, 5.30pm, 8.10pm Very Bad Things 1.55pm, 4.05pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm

WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal Little Voice 6.15nm, 6.25nm, 8.45pm Practical

Magic 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm NEW CURZON (0181-347 6664) + Tumpike Lane AA AB Laut Cha 2pm, 5.30pm, 8.45pm

> <u>CINEMA</u> REPERTORY

CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place, SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Classe de Neige (Class Trip) (NC) 6.30pm pagne (NC) 8.30pm

ICA CINEMA The Mail, SW1 (0171-930 3647) Puta Miseria (NC) 5pm. 9pm La Rubia del Bar (NC) 7pm The Polygraph (NC) 8.30pm

NFT South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 3232) Elizabeth (15) 2.30pm Like a Bird on a Wire/Germany in Au-tumn: Fassbinder (NC) 6.15pm Scaramouche (NC) 6.30pm OSS, Spycatcher and Espionage: Tele-vision (NC) 7.30pm Mother Kusters Goes to Heaven: Fassbinder (NC) 8.30pm Transeformer: a Portrait of Lars Von Trier (NC) 8.45pm (+

PHOENIX High Road, N2 (0181-444 6789) Little Voice (15) 2.15pm, 6.45pm ≠ (Pi) (15) 4.30pm, 9pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place. MC2 (0171-437 8181) Henry Fool (18) 1pm Snake Eyes (15) 4pm Lethal Wespon 4 (15) 6.15pm The Wedding Singer (12) 9pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road, W6 (0171-420 0100) Kolya (Kol-ja) (12) 6.45pm + il Postino

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middleser (0181-568 1776) On Connaît la Chanson (PG) 4.45pm, 9pm My Name is Joe (15) 7pm BRIGHTON

DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-602503) Two Girls and a Guy (18) 2.30pm, 6.45pm. Wed 6.45pm The Oppo-site of Sex (18) 4.30pm, 8.45pm

CUBE (0114-907 4191) Year of the WATERSHED (0117-925 3845)

Fear and Loathing in Las Wegas (18) 6pm Mandragora (NC) 6.05pm Fire (15) 8.30pm x (PI) (15) 8.40pm.

ARTS (01223-504444) The Opposite of Sex (18) 1.15pm, 9.30pm x (PI) (15) 3.30pm, 7.30pm The Battleship Potemkin (PG) 5pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Butworth (18) 7.30pm Lit-tle Voice (15) 8pm

CHICHESTER NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243-786650) Little Voice (15) 2.15pm, 6.45pm Rush Hour (15) 4.30pm Funny Games (18) 9pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Rien Ne Va Plus (15) 2.30pm, 5.45pm A Soldier's Daughter Neu-er Cries (15) 8.15pm

CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

ABC CINEMA (01225-461730); speare in Love (15)

LITTLE THEATRE (01225-466822); Babe: Pig in the City (U); Bulworth (18); Little Voice (15); The Mask

ROBINS CINEMA (01225-461506); Practical Magic (12); Stepmon (12); The Swan Princess (U); Two Girls and a Guy (18)

WARNER VILLAGE (01223-460442); Antz (PG); Babe: Pig in the City (U): Bulworth (18); Ene-my of the State (15); Little Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG): Meet Joe Black (12); The Parent Trap (PG); Practical Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt (U); Rush Hour (15); Shakespeare in Love (15); Small Soldiers (PG); Star Trek: insurrection (PG); Stepmom (12); Very Bad Things (18)

. ODEON (08705-050007); Antz (PG); Dr Dolittle (PG); Enemy of the State (15); The Exordst (25th Anniversary Rerelease) (18); Lit-tle Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG); Meet Joe Black (12); Mulan (IV); The Parent Trap (PG); Practi-cal Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (IV): Psycho (15); Rush Hour (15); Shakespeare in Love (15); Small Soldlers (PG): Star Trek: In-

SILVER SCREEN (01304-228000): Babe: Pig in the City (U); The Prince of Egypt (U); The Siege (15)

surrection (PG); Stepmom (12)

ABC(01432-272554); Little Voice (15); Star Treic Insurrection (PG) THE COURTYARD (01432-359252); The Last Days of Disco (15)

VIRGIN CINEMA (0870-9070748); Antz (PG); Babe: Pig in the City (U); Enemy of the State (15); Little Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG); Meet Joe Black (12); The Pare Trap (PG): Practical Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt (U): Shakespeare in Love (15); The Siege (15); The Soldier (Asian Film) (15); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Stepmom (12); Very Bad Things (18); Who Framed Roger Rabbit? (PG)

MAIDSTONE ABC CINEMA (0870-9020405); Little Voice (15); Meet Joe Black (12); The Parent Trap (PG); The Prince of Egypt (U); Shakespeare in Love (15)

ODEON LOCHMEADOW (08705-050007); Antz (PG); Dr Dolittle (PG): Enemy of the State (15); Lit-tle Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG); Meet Joe Black (12); Mulan (U): Practical Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt (U); Shakespeare In Love (15): Small Soldiers (PG); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Stepmom (12): Velvet Goldin Very Bad Things (18)

ABC GEORGE STREET (0541 550501); Enemy of the State (15); Meet Joe Black (12); Mulan (13); Need to black (12); Indian (U); The Parent Trap (PG); Practi-cal Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt (U); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Very Bad Things (18)

ABC MAGDALEN STREET (0541-550509); Antz (PG); Shakespean in Love (15)

PHOENIX PICTURE HOUSE (01865-554909); The Blue Kibe (15); Bulworth (18); Cyclo (18); Double Indemnity (PG); Eraserhead (18); Hana-Bl (18); R (Pl) (15); Ponette (15); Primary Colors (15); The Secret Garden (U); Sitcom (18); Snake Eyes (15); A World Apart (15)

Snak (15) ULTIMATE PICTURE PALACE (01865-245288); The Charge of the Light Brigade (NC); The Exorcist II - the Heretic (18); Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18); My Name is Joe (15); The Truman

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals.
— Seats at all prices) — Seats at some prices O — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun, [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thur, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

) ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Trayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Re-licity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Gietgud Shaftesbury Avenue, Wi Gleigud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) ← Picc Circ, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £19.50-£27.50 £12.50-£17.50 (restricted iews). 130 mlns.

A AMADELIS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/O Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mins.

◆ ANNUE Bags to riches story of the optimistic orphan. Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/⊕ Victoria. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, [1] 4pm, £7.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

J ART Tom Mannion, Danny Webb, Gary Olsen in Yasmina Reza's com-edy about art and friendship. Wyndham's Charing Cross Road, WCZ (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) O Lek Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7][1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins.

A REALITY AND THE BEAST LAYish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fair tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £18.50-£35. 150 mins.

• BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Rusself's long-running Livespool musi-cal melodrama about twins who are separated at birth. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) & Lek Sq/Rott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £11.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

 BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) ← Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thur 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£27, half price Friday natinees. 160 mins.

D CATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) ⊕ Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£35. 165 mins.

O CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broad-way musical about two murderous women and their nightchib act. Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 3pm, £16-£36 (inc booking fee], 130 mins.

 THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Company's keenly-paced theatrical history lesson. Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ. Tue 8pm, £6-£25. 120 mins.

DR POLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Hen-son Puppets. London Apollo Ham-mersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 9 (0171-416 6022) → Hammer-smith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins. ...

) THE GLORY OF LIVING Drama set amongst the trailer parks of southern America from new play-wright Rebecca Gilman. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) O Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, £10, concs

) GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film about life in an American high school. Cambridge Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins.

) AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christo oher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy, Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£29.50. 165 mins.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stepher Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) ♥ Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £12-£29.50, 110 mins.

I INTO THE WOODS Sondheim and Lapine's acclain based on fairytales. Donmar Ware house Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm,

) THE INVENTION OF LOVE TOTAL THE INVENTION OF LOVE Inm Stoppard's play about the life of po-et A E Houseman, author of The Shropshire Lod. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) & Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50.

• JESUS. MY BOY Tom Contistars in John Dowie's alternative Christmas show. Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) ⊕ Picc

[1] 3pm, ends 6 Feb, £5.50-£18.50. • KAFKA'S DICK Eric Sykes and Julia Mackenzie star in Alan Bennett's comedy about the moribund writer. Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc Circ, In rep; tonight 8pm, ends 26 Feb, £12-£30.

ITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EU-NUCHS Ewan McGregor stars as the revolutionary activist in David Halliwell's drama. Comedy Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) & Pkc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [5][7] 3pm, ends 13 Mar, £7-£27.50

D LORD OF THE FLES Stage version of William Golding's classic tale of schoolboys living on a deserted is-land. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 0 (0181-741 2311) & ersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm,

ends 6 Feb, £5-£16. A THE MEMORY OF WATER ALthe MEMORY OF WATER Albon Steadman and Julia Sawalha star in this touching comedy about three sisters returning home for their mother's fineral Vandeville Strand. WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/O Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm [5][7] 3pm, £8-£27.50.

D LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hogo's mas-terpiece. Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Circ. n-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm,

£7-£35. 195 mins, .

b MISS SAIGON Musical which re-sets the Madam Butter fig tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC 2 (0171-494 5060) & Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4] [7] 3pm, £5.75-£35.

• THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodumait. St Martin's West Street. WCZ (0171-836 1443) • Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 2.45pm, [7] 5pm, £10-£24-50, 135

 DOKLAHOMA: Maureen Lipman stars in the National's acclaimed production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's cowboy v farmhand masical. Lyceum Wellington Street, WCZ (0870-505 3446/cc 606 6446) © Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, ends 26 June, £10-£35. O THE PHANTOM OF THE

OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical Her Majesty's Hay-market, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sai 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£35. 150 D REENT Musical inspired by La Bo-heme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Av-erue, WC2 (07000-211221) ⊕ Hol-

born/fott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160 PRICHARD III Robert Lindsay stars as the historical villain. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) Onaring X/Embankment, Mon-S

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Of Venice RSC production of Shake-speare's drama about love and mon-

O THE PIT: Shadows: Riders To The Sea of the Shadow of The Sea of the Shadow of The Gen & Purgatory Triple-bill of drama by WB Yests and JM Synge. In rep. tonight 7.15pm, ends 27 Mar. Barbican Theatre: £5-£27. The Pic £11-E18.50. Barbican Centre, EC2

(0171-638 8891). 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia London Palladium Argyl Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) Oldord Circus Man Ser 5020)

STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew

THE STREET OF CROCODILES Bruno Scultz's short stories provide the inspiration for Theatre de Complicite's acclaimed and absurdist drama. Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040/cc 344 4444) ⊕ Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 8pm, [7] 3pm, [1] 5pm, ends 20 Feb, £6-£25.

VASSA Howard Davies directs a new stage version of Maxim Gorky's tale of a matriarch and her down-trodden family Albery St Martin's Lane, WCZ (0171-369 1730) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm,

THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of (0171-565 5000) @ Leic Sg/Char-X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] ing X. Mon-sa. 7.30pm. 3.30pm. £5-£25. 90 mins.

WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's clas musical, attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit. Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 £18.50-£35, 160 mins.

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name about two children who mistake an escaped convict for Jesus. Aldwych Ald wych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) & Holborn. Mon-Sat 45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 120 mi

O THE WOMAN IN REACK SIL ● THE WUMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost start, Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) ⊕ Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 3pm. [3] 3pm. [7] 4pm. £8.50-£23.50. 110 mirs

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

Men Peter Gill's comedy of con-temporary manners looks at the sexuality and the modern man. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 3pm, ends 20 Feb. £9.50-£19.50, concs available. Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359

4404) & Highbury & Islington. ARTS THEATRE Krapp's Last Tape Edward Petherbridge performs Samuel Beckett's melancholic piece. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Fri & Sat 5.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £11-£15. Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 3334/cc 741 9999) ← Leices-

BUSH THEATRE In Flame New drama for the Bridget Jones generation.
Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 6 Feb. £10,
concs £7. Shepherd's Bush Green, 712 (0181-743 3388) O Shepherd's Bush.

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON The Vagina Monologues Eve Ensler performs her own aclaimed off-Broadway hit. Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 6 Mar. £12-£13. Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) & Angel/Highbury & Islington.

TRICYCLE THEATRE The Colour of Justice Dramatisation of the Stephen Lawrence case. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 4pm & 8pm, mat Wed 2pm, ends 6 Feb, £8-£13.50, cones available. Kilbum High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) & Kilbum.

YOUNG VIC STUDIO Play-boy desperate optimists' latest offering looking at the attraction of violence. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. ends 6 Feb. £8,

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concs £6. The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363) **G/BR**; Waterloo.

THEATRE

COUNTRYWIDE

ends 6 Feb. £6.50-£21. Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

NORTHCOTT THEATRE Persuas

Adaptation of Jane Austen's last novel. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm,

EXETER

7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, £10-£27.50. ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE P OLIVER: Peter Pan Stephen Officer's music accompanies the tale of the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up, with Michael Bryant as the Storyteller in rep, tonight 7.15pm, ends BASINGSTOKE HAYMARKET THEATRE Corpse HAYMARKET THEATRE Corpse Ian Targett and Ian Lindsay star in Gerlad Moor's high-camp comedy turiller about a penniless actor who contrives to murder his wealthy twin and assume his lifestyle. Mon-Thur & Sat 7.45pm, Fri 6pm & 9pm, mat Wed 3pm, ends 6 Feb. £9.50-£15.50, coxcs available Wote Street

DIYTTELION: The Forest Alan Ayourn's new version of Ostrovsky's black social satire stars Frances de ia Tour. In rep, today 2.15pm & 7.30pm. Olivier & Lyttelton: £8-£27. Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000). 9/BR: Wa-

OTHE BARBICAN: The Merchant ey. In rep, tonight 7.15pm, ends 9 Mar, 180 mins.

EVIENYMAN I HEALINE BRACK Danial Chilling psychological thriller by the author of LA Confidential. Cuntains shocking scenes. Tue-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, ends 6 Feb. £5.50-£15 Regent Street (01242-572573) CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE Abigali's Party Steven Pinder (Brookside's Max Farnham) stars in Mike Leigh's comedy about social niceties in 1970s suburbia. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm.

O SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135

mat Wed 1.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7-£15, concs available Stocker Road (01392-493493) Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musi-cal. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/-b Vic-toria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins. LEICESTER HAYMARKET THEATRE Singin' in the Rain High water mark of Amer-ican musicals. Tue-Sat 7.30pm,

mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7-£19.50 Belgrave Gate (0116-253 MALVERN MALVERN FESTIVAL THEATRE The Gir Game Prith Bazbury directs Joss Ackland and Borothy Tutin in

this sensitive and funny drama which centres around a lengthy game of Gin Rummy. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £10-£14, cones available Grange Road (01684-TORCH THEATRE The Woman in Black Chilling story of haunting and evil with a twist. Mon-Sat 7.30pm,

ters Road (01646-695267) MADDERMARKET THEATRE Woman in Mind One of Ayckbourn's blacker comedies about a woman who suffers delusions after being hit on the head by a garden rake. Mor Sat 7.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £4-£6.50 St Johns Alley (01603-620917)

ends 20 Feb. £8, concs £5 St Pe-

THEATRE ROYAL Sleuth Peter Bowies and Michael Makmey star in Anthony Shaffer's Ingenious and in-ventive thriller. Mori-Sat 7.30pm, mat Wed 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £3-£15.50, concs ava Street (01603-630000)

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE Wildest Dreams Alan Ayckbourn's comedy about four rislits playing a type of Dunge and-Dragous game in a suburban liv-ing room. Wed-Sat 7.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7-£8.50, concs available Emhankment Road (01733-552439)

POOLE ARTS CENTRE And Then There Were None Agatha Christie's whodunnit set in a lanely house on a remote island. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Wed 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7.50-£11.50 Kingiand Road (01202-685222)

SOUTHAMPTON MAYPLOWER THEATRE Goldlocks and the Three Bears Frank Bruno Karl Howman and Emily Symons in this star-studded panto. Tonight 7pm, ends Feb 14, £7.50-£17.50, concs available Commercial Road (01703-711811)

GORDON CRAIG THEATRE On the Razzle Tom Stoppard's farce is set in 1850's Vienna. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mat Thur 1.30pm, ends 5 Feb. £10.50-£12.50, concs available Lytton Way (01438-766866)

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE I FIEAURE The Winter's Tale Seasonal tale of obsessive jealousy, directed by Gre-gory Doran. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 4 Mar. £7-£30 Waterside (01789-SWAN THEATRE A Month in the Country Brian Friel's adaptation of Turgenev's portrait of all-consuming sexual desire. Michael Attenbor-

ough directs. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. £5-£30 Waterside (01789-WATFORD PALACE THEATRE Darkness Pails Double bill of sinister drama from Jonathan Holloway. Moh-Thur 7.45pm, Fri & Sat Bom, ends 20 Feb. £4-£15,75 Clarendon Road (01923-

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Women on the Verge of HRT Two

EXHIBITIONS

RIRIGHTON BRIGHTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Mary Potter (1900-1981) Retrospective of the artist's largely figurative paintings. Mon, Iue & Thur-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 28 Mar, free, Church Street (01273-290900)

BRUTON GALLERY Forming the Figure Including works by Rodin and Heavy Moore. Mon-Fri 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, ends 20 Mar, free. Stock-well House, Bruton High Street (01749-812205)

CAMBRIDGE EVERYMAN THEATRE Black Dahlia FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM The Society of Three: Whistler, Fantin-Laety of three: winsitier, randin-La-tour and Alphonse Legros Exhibition of drawing and prints ex-amining the common stylistic ground of the three artists. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 14 Feb, free. Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

KETTLE'S YARD Physical Evidence Innovative paintings, drawings, sculpture and video. Tue-Sat 12.30pm-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm, ends 28 Feb, free. Castle Street (01223-352124)

BARBICAN ART GALLERY Africa by Africa: A Photographic View Images from sub-Sarahan Africa.
PICASSO AND PHOTOGRAPHY:
THE DARK MIRROR More than 300 works explore the Spanish master's relationship with photography. Mon. Thur-Sat 10am-6.45pm. Tue 10am-5.45pm. Wed 10am-7.45pm. Sun 12noon-6.45pm, ends 29 Mar. £6, concs £4, from Mon-Fri £3 after 5pm, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141) Barbican/Moorgate.

DESIGN MUSEUM Modern Britain 1927-1939 A study on the important period after the Great War including the work of Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Barbara Hepworth. Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, ends 18 Jul. £5.25, concs £4 (to museum). Shad Thames, SE1 (0171-378 6055) + Tower Hill/DLR: Tower Gateway.

NATIONAL GALLERY in the Light of Fra Angelico: Zanobi Strozzi Study exhibition exploring the Ends 7 Mar. free. Portraits by Ingres Major exhibi-tion of paintings and drawings by the 19th-century French artist. Mon & Tue. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm. Wed

10am-10pm, ends 25 Apr. £6, concs £4, Wed 7pm-10pm £4. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-747 2885) & Charing Cross. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eighly paintings made in the 25 years after 1900. Mon-Thur, Sun 9a 1900. Mon-Thur, Sun 9am-6pm, Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr. £9, concs £6, child (12-18) £3, child (8-11) £1.50. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-413 1717) ⊕

Green Park. TATE GALLERY Turner in the Alps Works on paper made on Turner's first Alpine trip in 1802. Ends 14 Feb. In Celebration: The Art of the Country House Including work by Canaletto, Stubbs and Holbein, Mon Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 28 Feb, free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8000) & Pimlico.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM Picasso's Ladies: Wendy Ramshaw Precious-metal jewellery. Ends 15 where - Photographs from the

Americas and Asia: Henri Cartier-Bresson Subjects by the 90 year-old photographer. Ends 12 Apr. Silver and Syrup: A Selection Silver and Syrup: A Selection from the Collection Work by leading photographers. Mon-Sun 10am-5.45pm, ends 31 Jul. £5, concs £3, under 18s/UB40/disabled/mems/after 4.30pm free, Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8441) ◆ South

OXFORD ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Chinese ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Chinese Silles Brightly coloured 18th and 19th century hangings. Ends 28 Feb. Nineteenth Century French Drawings Recent acquisitions alongside familiar major drawings. Ends 28 Feb. The Painterly Brush Oil sketches dating from the 18th to the early 20th century. Tue-Sat 10 archym. Sim. century. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, ends 21 Mar, free. Bea mont Street (01865-278000)

PENZANCE NEWLYN ART GALLERY BOD Law Influential artist's drawings, paint-ings and sculpture. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 6 Feb, donation. New Road (01736-363715)

ST IVES ST IVES TATE GALLERY Displays 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice aintings and ceramics from the econd half of the century, and a selection of contemporary work.

Casolt Montserrat: Veronica Ryan
Marble sculpture linking St Ives
with Montserrat in the West Indies. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Portimeor Beach (01736-796226)

WOUVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY Disasters of War: Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three artists' war 20 Mar, free. Lichfield Street (01902-

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CLASSICAL

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ST GEORGE'S BRANDON HILL
Borodin String Quartet String
quartets by Tchailwordy and Brahms.
Tonight 7.30pm. £6-£12. Brandon
HIII (0117-923 0359) LONDON

ST JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE John Hoyland Pisno recital including Schu-mann and Brahms. Tonight 7.30pm. £6-£10. Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061) & Westminster. PURCELL ROOM ROSL Prizewinners Concert From the percussion ensemble Backbeat and piano duo

Jennifer Micallef and Gien Imanga. Tonight 7.30pm. £8 & £10, concs £6. South Bank, SET (0171-960 4242) BR/& Waterloo. ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL Philharmonia/Dutoit Poulenc's Double Pi-ano Concerto with Raval's 2nd Daphnis and Chloe Suite. Tonight

(0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

OPERA

LONDON MAY FAIR THEATRE Cendrillon/Viva La Mamma Central Restival Opera with one acters by Viardot and Donizetti. Tonight 8pm. £20 & £35. Stratton Street, W1 (01604-

DANCE

LONDON SADLER'S WELLS AT THE PEA-COCK THEATRE Paco Pena Flamenco Presents La Musa Gitana World class flamenco dance, song and guitar: Tue-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, Sun 3pm, ends 7 Mar. £7.50-£27.50. Portugal Street, WC2 (0171-863 8222) & Holborn/Temple.

SADLER'S WELLS Birmingham Royal Ballet: Edward II Violence and betrayal against a background of and periody algainst a background of religious fervour, choreographed by David Bintley. Tonight 7.30pm. £7.50-£40. Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-863 8000) ⊕ Angel.

TRURO HALL FOR CORNWALL Ra Dance Company: Triple Bill Programme includes the Rambert premiere of August Pace by Merce Cumingham. Tonight 8pm. £11-£17.50, concs available. Back Quay.

LITERATURE

(01872-262466)

LONDON ARCHETYPES IN LITERATURE DON OUDIOTE'S DELUSIONS Tray ei writer Miranda France investigates the changing significance of Don Quizote, drawing on four centuries of writers. Voice Box, Royal Festival Hall South Bank SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterio

fonight 7.30pm, £4, concs £2.50. IN-STORE READING - COLIN BATEMAN: MAID OF THE MIST Au-thor event with light refreshments. Waterstone's Bookstore William Baker House, Broad Street (01865-790212) Tonight 6.30pm, free by

COMEDY

TOMMY TIERNAN AND JASON BYRNE AT THE JUNCTION Irish comedy double bill. Tonight 8.30pm, Clifton Road (01223-511511) 59

ALAN DAVIES IN URBAN TRAU-

NORTHAMPTON

MA AT THE DERNGATE The star of Jonathan Creek performs. Tonight 8pm, Guildhall Road (01604-624811) £13-£14. LONDON HERSTERICS COMEDY CLUB AT TUT 'N' SHIVE Jo Earlight, Meryl O'Rourke, Lucy Bayler, Nichola Hutchson, Jane McCartney, Ilona

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ngton, £4, concs £3.

Colquhoun, MC Laura Shavin, Tonight 8.45pm, Upper Street, N1 (0171-359 7719) & Highbury & Is-

LONDON INDIGO AT MADAME JO JO'S Felchley Hawkes and DJ Karminsky play easy listening. Tonight 9pm-2am, Brewer Street, WI (0171-734 2473) & Piccadilly Circus, £7, concs before 10.30pm £5.

MOFO AT THE BORDERLINE Skater-friendly acid, breakbeat and jungle night. Tonight 11pm-3am, Manette Street, W1 (0171-734 2095) & Tottenham Court Road, £5. £3 w/fiyer, NUS £2. PEET FIRST AT CAMDEN PALACE Great big indie session. Tonight 10pm-2am, Camden Kigh Street, NW1 (0171-387 0428) & Camden Town, £5, concs/NUS £3. Church Road (01273-290200) Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, closed Good Friday, ends 18 Apr, free.

EVENTS

ZOO: AN EXHIBITION OF FAN-TASTIC AND CRAFTY CREATURES

Weird and wonderful creatures de-picted by craft makers and designers.

Hove Museum & Art Gallery New

BRIGHTON

LONDON SPRINT '99: FESTIVAL OF PHYSI-CAL, VISUAL AND UNUSUAL THE-ATRE With humour, horror, storytelling and dragous. Camden People's The atre Hampstead Road NW1 (0171-916 5878) & Camden Yown. Ends 13

Feb. phone for details. BEHIND THE SCENES Portraits of technicians and artists involved in the making of British films. Museum Of The Moving Image (MOMI) South Bank SE1 (0171-928 3535) ↔ Waterioo. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (last adm. 5pm), ends 26 Feb, £6.25, stu-dent £5.25, concs £4.50, under 5s

free, family ticket £17.

tacacle of thousands of smowdrops in the extensive gardens and wood-lands. Mingston Lacy Estate (01202-880413) Feb, 11am-4pm, phone to check open days, £2.50, child £1.25,

SNOWDROP DAYS Enjoy the spec-

MUSIC

EXETER ANNIE CHRISTIAN, CARTOON Edinburgh-based band headline. Cavern Club Queen Street (01392-495370)

Tonight 8pm, phone for prices.

GUILDFORD TERRORVISION Return to live sotion by Bradford's finest purveyors of twisted pop metal. Civic Half Lon-don Road (01 483-444555) Tonight 8pm, £10. LONDON

DENNIS LOCORRIERE Solo outing by the former singer with 1970s dis-co cowboys Dr Rook. The Borderline Manette Street W1 (0171-734 Tonight 7.30pm, £10. DAVID MCALMONT Originally half of Thieves, McAlmont's souring vo-cals gained most exposure collabo-rating with Bernard Butler, Jazz

Cafe Parkway NW1 (0171-916 6060) ◆ Camden Town. Tonight 8pm, £8.50. JOHN OTWAY Pub-rock entertain-ment from rock troll's self-procisimed eatest failure. The Weavers Arms wington Green Road N1 (0171-226 6911) BR/O Highbury & Isling-

NEW MODEL ARMY Justin Sullivan's long-running strident rock proiect tour the new album, Stronge Brotherhood, University of East Ar glia Earlham Road (01603-505401/cc 764764) Tonight Bpin,

HEATHER NOVA, NAOMI Bermu dan singer and songwriter who's been compared to Turi Amos and Sheryl Crow. The Waterfront King Street (01603-632717/cc 764764) Tonight 8.30pm, £5.

PORTSMOUTH ONE MINUTE SILENCE, PULKAS, LIBERTY 37 Fresh from US tours supporting Sevendust and Anthreo, hardcore risers OMS return to the UK for their last dates before recording a second album. Wedgewood Rooms Albert Road, Southsea (01705-863911) Tonight 8pm, £5.

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

LONDON OSCAR D'LEON Leading interna-tional saisa vocalist and his 19-piece orchestra. Barbican Hall Barbican ntre EC2 (0171-638 8891) + Bar bican, Yonight 7.30pm, £8.50-£15.50.

Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) • Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 9pm, £8.50. THREE'S A CROWD Actor's cabaret with Patricia Hodge. Pizza on the Park Rightstridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) & Hyde Park Corner, Tonight

PIZZA EXPRESS ALL STARS The

9.15pm & 11.15pm, £20, £18 adv. CEDAR WALTON Veteran Texan neoloop planist. Rounde Scott's Frith. Street W1 (0171-439 0747) & Leicester Square. Tonight 9.30pm.

LOZ SPEYER QUARTET Diversified contemporary trumpeter plays original material. Wortex Stoke New-Ington Church Street N16 (0171-254 6516) BR: Stoke Newington. Toright 9pm, £4, concs £3.

SOUTHAMPTON
JONATHAN GEE TRIO Resourceful
modal planist touring new CD, Your
Shining Heart. John Arlott Room Staff Qub, Southampton University (01703-593600) Tonight 8.30pm, £6, NUS £4, concs £3.



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Newsbeat, 6.00 Dave Pearce, 8.00

Steve Larnacq - the Evening Ses-

sion, 10.00 Digital Update, 10.10

John Peel, 12.00 The Breezeblock.

2.00 Emma B. 4.00 - 6.30 Clive

6.00 Alex Lester. 7.30 Wake Up to

Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruca 12.00

Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart.

5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Alan

Freeman: Their Greatest Bits. 8.00

Nigel Ogden. 9.00 Sixpence for a

Superman, 10.00 Susan Jeffreys

Leskanich. 3.00 · 4.00 Mo Dutta.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Liszt.

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-

Goethe's 'Faust' live from Belfast to

mark the two hundred and fiftieth

Catherine Pierard (soprano), Henry

Herford (baritone), Julius Drake (pi-

ano). Schubert: Der Konig in Thule;

Gretchen am Spinnrade; Gretchens

Plus other settings Liszt, Schumann,

Bitte; Szene aus Goethes Faust.

Beethoven, Verdi, Busoni, Wagner,

7.30 Performance on 3. The first

complete performance since the

18th century of Lully's five-act opera,

given last October in the Barbican

by students from various European

American William Christie. They gave

eight European cities under the aus-

cludes Andrew Hewitt as the warrior

hero Theseus, Sophie Karthauser as

his beloved Aegle, and Kimberly Mc-

Cord as the evil sorceress Medea.

6.00 House Calls (1978) (26289). 8.00

Lies He Told (1996) (79024). 10.00 Never Too Late (1996) (71096). 12.00 The Direc-

tors (21573). **1.00** Hollywood Buzz (17111).

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Late (1996) (42821). 8.00 The Lost World

(1997) (39717685). **10.10** The Fan (1996) (23309111). **12.15** A Thin Line between

Love and Hate (1996) (629970), 2.05 The

Portrait of a Lady (1996) (93426425). 4.30

7.00 Family Stessings (1996) (85173). 9.00

The Fallen Sparrow (1943) (68978). 11.00 Forgotten City of Planet of the Apes (1974)

(62734), 3.00 And Baby Makes Six (1979)

10.00 Movietalk Special: Sundance Film

Festival (35531). 11.00 Next of Kin (1989)

(307260), 12.50 in the Name of Love - a

Texas Tragedy (1995) (877715), 2.30 i, the Jury (1982) (20970), 4.30 - 7.00 The Fall-

4.00 The Yellow Canary (1944) (7922685)

6.00 The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox

(1976) (1384005), 8.00 Obsession (1948)

(1389550), 10.00 100 Years... 100 Movies

(69517666). 1.00 Zorba the Greek (1964)

(72329425), 3.50 The Lineup (1958)

6.00 Les Enfants du Paradis (1944)

(98378840): 7.40 Surrry Spells (1229918). 8.00 Visions of Light: the Art of Cine-

matography (88669444). 9.35 Confession (603173). 10.00 Riff Raff (1991) (6077685)

See Pick of the Day, 11.45 Made in USA (1966) (3699937), 1.10 Le Doulos (1962)

4.00 Rex Hunt Specials (3815753). 4.30

(3802289), 6.00 Animal Doctor (3892802).

6.30 Adventures of the Quest (8620550).

Escapes (4967395), **8.30** Survivor

(4946802), **9.00** Trailblazers (6524869).

10.00 Lives of Fire: Consumed by Life

(6527956), 11.00 Legion of the Damned

(9092192), 12.00 Buried Alive (6523154).

1173). 10.30 Shirley Bassey: Viva Di-(567024). 11.20 Film: Stakeout 3779181. 1.20 Joins BBC News 24

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(73568), 10.40 Paddington Green (735685), 10.40 Indoor Bowls (195956), 11.25 Film: Stakeout (976289), 1.25 John 88C News 24 (56655999).

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Maker's World (3811937), 5.00 Wheel Nuts 361111), 5.30 History's Turning Points

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(84395), **7.00** Cosmic Shock (1997) (10395), **8.30** Captive (1998) (22024).

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- 6.00 The Directors (40222).

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4.45 Music Machine

4.00 Voices.

5.00 in Tune.

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2.00 The BBC Orchestras

anniversary of Goethe's birth.

cert. A song recital of settings from

Says Make It a Double. 10.30

Richard Allinson, 12.00 Katrina

RADIO 1 (976-998MHz FM)

RADIO 2

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6.00 On Air.

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9.00 Masterworks.

10.30 Artist of the Week.

11.00 Sound Stories.

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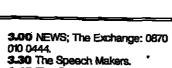
TUESDAY RADIO

PICK OF THE DAY

RADIO 4 LOVES to tackle big competing to gain the upper most people to think about a at the Comedy Store. crossword clue. Geoff Watts has assess the universe's most

questions in the time it takes hand. A bit like improv night

Angus Deayton's History of been given four episodes to Alternative Comedy (11pm



4.00 NEWS; The Learning Curve. 4.30 Shop Talk 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News.

intimate 'Hideous Kinky'. 7.45 Speaking for Themselves. Ten dramatised excerpts from the letters of Britain's great wartime leader and his wife Clementine, taken from the newly published collection edited by their daughter, Mary Soames. With Alex Jennings as Winston, Sylvestra le Touzel as Clementine, and Helen

Boume as the narrator. Part 2. 8.00 NEWS; File on 4. Gerry Northam reports on major issues changing attitudes and important events at home and abroad. 8.40 In Touch. Peter White with news for visually impaired people. 9.00 NEWS; Behind the Brain. ological puzzle still eludes them. In this four-part series, Geoff Watts explores human consciousness, the greatest challenge in the science of



9.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy. Disabled achievers in the United States talk frankly to Peter White about how their disabilities have affected their

10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sound of Trumpets. By John Mortimer, read by Rik Mayall. Blackmail and political manoeuvring abound as polling day looms (7/10). 11.00 NEWS; Angus Deayton's

History of Alternative Comedy. Angus Deayton embarks on a four-part celebration of alternative comedy's 20th birthday with the help of Ale Sayle, French and Saunders, and Rik Mavall See Pick of the Day. 11.30 Talking Pictures. The latest film news, with Brian Sibley.

12_30 The Late Book: Lemona's Tale. By Ken Saro-Wiwa, read by Adjoa Andoh. In a Nigerian prison on the eve of her execution for a double murder, the beautiful Lemona tells her story to the daughter of her alleaed victims (2/10). 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News.

5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. **RADIO 4 LW** (198kHz)

9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service, 12.00 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast, 11.30 - 12.00 Today in

(693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

RADIO 5 LIVE

7.30 The Tuesday Match. Russell Fuller presents coverage of all the night's top football action. 10.00 Late Night Live. The day's big stories with Nick Robinson. Including 10.30 a full sports round-up. t1.00 News and finance. And between 11.30 and 1.00 a sharp and spirited late-night topical discussion. 100 Up All Night.

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. **CLASSIC FM** (100.0-101.9MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in E minor, Jascha Heifetz, Boston SO/Charles Munch. Grieg: Sonata No 3 in C minor, Fritz Kreisler (violin), Sergei Rachmaninov (piano). Elgar: Violin Concerto in B minor Pinchas

Zuckerman, St Louis SO/Leonard Station, Kreister: Schon Rosmann. Isaac Stem (violin), Alexander Zakin (piano). 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Grif-VIRGIN RADIO

(1215, 1197-1260kl-Iz MW 105.8Ml-Iz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 7,30 Pete & Geoff. 10,00 James Merritt. 1.00 Steve Power. 4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allen.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO (198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 On Screen. 145 Record News. 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Women Who Dared to Speak. 3.00 The World Today. 3.20 Sports Roundup. 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 Insight. 4.00 - 7.00 The World Today (4.00-7.00).

TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari. 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 100 Anna Raeburn, 3.00 Peter Deeley, 5.00 The SportZone. 7.00 Eubank's People. 8.00 James Whale. 100 - 6.00 lan Collins.

10-50 Red Dwarf (5971734). See Pick of

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Spender (47601628), 2.45 - 7.00 Shop-

6.00 Tiny and Crew (37109227), 6.20

Johnson and Friends (83016598), 6.30

Philbert the Frog (12197685), 6.40 Tiny

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the Gang (84536111). 6.50 Polka Dot Shorts (84524376). 7.00 Practical Parent-

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ing (4507192). 8.00 Barney and Friends

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(7906550), 9,00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook

5344753), 9.30 The Roseanne Show -

fightights (3691192). 10.00 The Jerry

Springer Show (5964956). **10.50** Maury Povich (7526208). **11.40** Brookside

(22894579). 12.40 Rescue 911 (96054918).

10 LA Law (9843005). 3.10 Living Room

130 Special Bebies (73647145). 1.40 Be-

(2936647). 4-00 Michael Cole (8947005).

4.50 Rolonda (4833537), 5.40 Ready,

Steady, Cook (5531482). 6.15 The Jerry

Springer Show (3285227), 7.05 Rescue

911 (2608043), 7.35 Animai Rescue

9.00 Films: Unspoken Truth (1995)

(2949918). 8.40 Maury Povich (4181631).

9.00 High Society (1956) (92429579). 11.00 The Cincinnati Kid (1965) (40720840). 1.00 The Liquidator (1965)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL

7,00 Clueless (2276). 7,30 Grace under

Fire (3395), 8.00 Ellen (6376), 8.30 Ne

Reeves' Big Night Out (76463). 10.00

Frasier (39444), 10.30 Cheers (4892). 11.00 Seinfeld (57289), 11.30 The Larry

Sanders Show (18519). 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (85999). 1.00 Taxi

Katz (48680), 2.30 Tibs and Fibs (67715).

3.00 Nightstand (42357). 3.30 Abbott &

Costello (58067). 4.00 Close.

593), **1.30** The Critic (69512), **2.00** Dr

rado (8111), 9.00 Cvbil (45444), 9.30 Vic

(40788864). **3.00** High Society (196 (51234654). **5.00** Close.

(1386463). 11-00 The Sex Zone (7249444).

yond Belief: Fact or Fiction (66748531).

(68641227), 12.10 Animal Rescue

(5666111). 8.50 Practical Parenting

ing (5283376). 7.05 Professor Bulble

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CHESS

GARY KASPAROV deservedly won the Hoogovens tournament at Wijk aan Zee on Sunday after a comfortable-looking draw as Black against Vladimir Kramnik took him to the tremendous score of 10/13. Tentative at the beginning but majestic during his magnificent run of seven wins from rounds two to eight, he had again lost confidence after his rather miserable loss to Ivan Sokolov in round nine. Draws against Anand and Timman left him just half a point clear of Anand as they entered the straight. But his fine win against Svidler, who previous to this game had a win and two draws against him, gave Kasparov the one-point cushion he needed when Anand drew fairly

tamely with Yermolinsky. By defeating Topalov in the last round, Anand moved himself up to an undefeated 9.5, just half a point behind Kasparov and a superb result in its own right, netting a performance rating of 2,840 - compared to Kasparov's 2.874 - which would have been enough to win almost any tournament in history.

Vladimir Kramnik was the only other unbeaten player but won "only" three games for third on 8. The other scores were Ivan Sokolov Piket Shirov and Timman 7. Ivanchuk and Svidler 6.5. Topalov 6, Kasimdzhanov 5, Van Wely 4.5, Yermolinsky 4 and Reinderman 3.

Despite the high incidence of decisive games - 41.91 - one of the most interesting was this draw between the two unbeaten players. 19

...Nh3+!? was Kramnik's improvement on 19 ... Re6 with which he lost against Alexei Shirov in in the European Club Cup a fortnight ago. His very crude idea was to get his queen to the long white diagonal to deliver mate. Anand's 21 c4 was extraordinary

but if 21 Nb3 Rb6 22 Qc5 d4! 23 e4 (23 cxd4 Qa8+ 24 d5 Rd8 25 Nd4 Rxd5 26 Qc4 Kh8 27 Nf3 Rd2+ 28 Bxd2 Qxf3 mate!) 23 ...Qc8! 24 Qd5+ Kh8 25 Kf1! Rd8 26 Qg2 Qe6 gives a lot of play. 21 ... Kh8!" looked dangerous but Kramnik didn't like 22 c5. At the end, Black must take the perpetual.

White: Viswanathan Anand Black: Vladimir Kramnik Petroff Defence

1 e4 e5 15 Bxc6 bxc6 2 N/3 N/6 16 Qxc6 Re8 3 Nxe5 d6 17 Ne5 Bxe5 4 Nf3 Nxe4 18 dxe5 Ng5 19 f4 Nh3+!? 5 d4 d5 6 Bd3 Nc6 20 Kg2 Rb8 7 0-0 Be7 21 c4 dxc4 8 Rel Bg4 22 Nxc4 Qd3 23 Ne3 Ryh2+1 9 c3 f5 10 Ob3 0-0 24 Bxb2 Od2+ 11 Nbd2 Na5 25 Kh1 N£2+ 12 Qa4 Nc6 26 Kg1 Nh3+ 13 Bb5 Bb4 27 Kh1 NC2+

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Duncan). To tree surgeons for rub-

ber tree sap-transfusions (John

Morton). To Bob Geldof for Elastic

Band Aid (Bob Goodall). To Versace

for see-through underwear collec-

tions (Jane Reeves). To Beryl the

Peril as knicker elastic, to Polly as

a Garter, as Christmas decorations

To teach worms how to make

ends meet (Nigel Plevin). To tie

together bulky plain brown envel-

opes for the IOC (Brendan J

O'Byrne) or Mick and Jerry's post-

non-nuptial agreement (John

O'Byrne); to hold together Rupert

Murdoch's papers. Or: export to

Iraq, ostensibly for parcel mail, in

fact for giant catapult to shoot

down US planes (JR Gore). Twist

and attach to propeller for eco-

friendly car engine (Colin Archer)

or wind-powered Millennium

Dome generator (John Bronsdon).

"Smart" missiles to return un-

wanted junk mail (Alan Meikle).

Catapults to launch politicians into

space (Tom Gaunt): Dome visitors

over the Thames (Cate O'Kane); to

in doll's houses (Mike Gifford).

CREATIVITY

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bandy people's names (Andrew

NEW USES for discarded elastic bands. Catapults, bungee jumps and musical combos were all popular, but Chief Constable Susan Tomes and telepathic Nigel Plevin both insist that all such uses are illegal, as elastic is a band substance, whilst Special Agent Paul Turner, formerly of Blackpool (ex-Fylde) insists this is the abandoned detritus of aliens living among us, unsuspected, invisible and unseen.

Wedding ring for elephants, circus ring for fleas, muzzle for pelicans, says Bruce Birchall who plays quoits, makes Mobius Strips and does men's gymnastics with his. Hula hoop for LS Lowry's stick people, corsetry for Beryl Cook's fat people, Puck's 40-minute girdle around the earth, says Annie Bisssett. Saturn's rings, says Ivor Nadir Pastry-cutters, says Iva Knuther.

Sling to weigh hedgehogs or moor up your ketch, or overnight handcuffs for booming clocks, argues Maguy Higgs, who hoards hers to sell as antiques in an e-mail New Dawn. What today is thrown away/ Next year is très recherché she concludes. Clock hands for flexitime, panto bungee jump for Widow Twangie, equip a mouse gymnasium, opines Len Clarke.

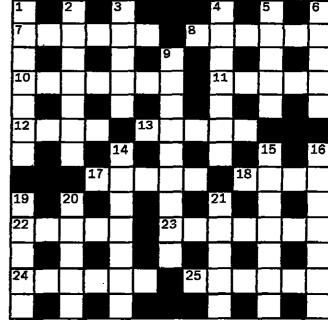
Bicep-strengthening for hamsters (Lueia Palmer). To play at rubber fetishists' dinner dances (RJ Pickles), Restraints for S&M enthusiasts, recycle clips, selfclosing device for doors (James A Kelly). A substitute for squid rings (Mary Flavin), for Mata Hari to make Calamari in the Kalahari. Useful for gossip columnists to

revive the old Lakeland sport of slug-burling (Martin Brown). Len Clarke and Annie Bissett win copies of Chambers Dictionary of Quotations, as does Nic Coidan's

challenge: suggest uses for insideout umbrellas gusted away by gales. Ideas to Creativity, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E145 DL, by 11 February. Three prizes of Chambers Dictionary of Quotations. Results 16 February, On 9 February, cause for more Cabinet resignations.

CONCISE CROSSWORD

No.3835 Tuesday 2 February



ACROSS

Source of stability (6) P G Wodehouse character (6) 10 Windpipe (7) 11 Giver (5)

12 Declare (4) 13 Type of catapult (5) 17 Gemstone (5) 18 Irish county (4)

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DOWN

Whirlpool (9) 14 Intellectual (7) 15 Exuberant style of architecture (7) 16 Gun case (7) 19 Make speech (coll.) (5)

Type of pedal (3-4)

Escapades (7)

Lepidoptera (5)

20 Practice (5) 21 Stretch of sand (5) Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword:

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ACROSS: I Hanker, 4 Wright (Anchorite), 7 Altainder, 9 Kale, 10 Aide, 11 Alter, 13 Embody, 14 Raceme, 15 Lesser, 17 Fisso, 19 Rabid, 20 Teem, 22 Edit, 23 Reiterate, 24 Letter, 25 Ethics, DOWN: I Hackle, 2 Kite, 3 Really, 4 Wander, 5 Idea, 6 Thieve, 7 Alabaster, 8 Riverside, 11 Adder, 12 Rapid, 15 Lethal, 16 Rafter, 17 Fierce, 18 Optics, 21 Melt, 22

of fame" - functions continually

to five unsung, witty and engaging

distinguished by their originality and

imagination, 2: Marc Karlin, Indepen-

dent film-maker and publisher Marc

Karlin has courted controversy with

films on Rupert Murdoch and Diana,

Princess of Wales, and with his un-

sparing analysis of the flaws of to-

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles

talks to novelist Edward White about

his new life of Proust and about the

continuing fascination exerted by the

life and work of a man who, after his

back on an apparently frivolous exis-

tence as a social butterfly and with-

drew to a soundproof flat and a life

of writing and introspection.

12.00 Composer of the Week:

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

9.00 NEWS; No Triumph, No

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

9.45 Serial: Best American Essays.

11.00 NEWS; Nature: The Swarnp.

2.15 Afternoon Play: The Dressmak-

(from 9pm UK Gold). Soon to

return for another series on

of the sci-fi comedy created by

Rob Grant and Doug Naylor

have been known to attend

conventions wearing an H on

their foreheads in homage to the

hologram character, Rimmer

(played by Chris Barrie, right).

11.30 Jazz Notes.

(92.4-94.6MHz FM)

9.30 The New Recruit.

11.30 Coming Aliva.

1.00 The World at One.

1.30 My Mistress Music.

2.00 NEWS; The Archers

12.57 Weather.

Tavener. (R)

RADIO 4

Tragedy.

6.00 Today.

mother's death in 1905, turned his

day's broadcasters.

R4) is an offshoot of the BBC complicated subject in Behind TV series. Hosted by Deayton the Brain (9pm R4). Today he (right), it's essential if you don't deals with consciousness; the have a telly or you can't stand most depressing theory put the sight of entertainment's top forward is the idea of "15 seconds brass in their curty-haired days. DOMINIC CAVENDISH

1045 Postscript. Patrick Wright talks figures on the cultural scene who are 3.45 This Sceptred Isle.

> 6-30 The Cheese Shop Presents the Butter Factor, Comedy sketches with a host of new and established

7.00 NEWS; The Archers. 735 Front Row. Francine Stock presents the arts programme. After the epic 'Titanic', Kate Winslet returns to British cinema screens in the more

Scientists have solved many mysteries of the physical world, but one bithe mind. Part 1. See Pick of the Day.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

After the success of The Full

Monty, Robert Carlyle became a

new Bond movie. However, he

started out in relatively low-

budget projects such as Riff

PICK OF THE DAY

WHILE NOT to all tastes, there is Those aficionados are in for a

no denying the popularity of the treat tonight with a screening of

BBC2, it is responsible for giving mega-star, able to snap up such

us such words as "smeg". Fans prime roles as the baddie in the

long-running sitcom Red Dwarf six episodes back to back.



Raff (10pm FilmFour), Ken Loach's affecting picture about an ex-con builder.

JAMES RAMPTON

1.00 History's Turning Points (1033852). 1.30 Wheel Nuts (3285203). 2.00 Close. SKY ONE

7.00 Count Duckula (94821), 7.30 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show (57192), 8.30 Hollywood Squares (74918), 9.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (89753), 10.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (40640), 11.00 Guilty! (99376). **12.00** Jenny Jones (15753). **1.00** Mad about You (93192). **1.30** Jeopardy (21519), 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (57802). 3.00 Jenny Jones (2011), 4.00 Guity! 00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 9685) 6.00 Married with Children (9519). 6.30 Dream Team (4869). 7.00 The Simpons (7774). **7.30** The Simpsons (3753). 8.00 Rescue Medics (6734), 8-30 Copers (5869). 9.00 World's Wildest Polles Videos (47376), 10,00 Greece Uncover (40463), *1.00 Dream Team (17647), 11.30

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00 Sky Sports Centre (3776444). 735 Footbal League Review (892531). 8.15 You're on Sky Sports (2665734) 9.00 Racing News (50937) 9.30 Aerobics - Oz Style (94869). 10.00 Spanish Football 74005). 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (30173). 12.30 World Windsurfing (98685). 1.00 Football Special FIFA World Player of the Year Gala (960192), 3.30 Triathlon: 1998 World Cup - Gamagori (25918). 4.30 World Windsurling (4024). 5.00 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire (1685). 6.00 Sky

Sports Centre (2299). 6.30 Inside Scottish Football (29463). 7.30 Fastrex (5753). 8.00 Greyhound Racing (96666), 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (805043). 10.15 You're on Sky Sports (639096), 11.00 Inside Scuttish Football (29531), 12.00 Sky Sports Centre (7961338), 12.15 You're on Sky Sports (3801777), 1.00 Premier Snooker League (72086). 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (18872357). 3.15 Close. SKY SPORTS 2 7.00 Aerobics (8699655). 7.30 Sports

Centre (6970005). 7.45 Rading (3862111). 8.45 World Windsurfing (6638937). 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (9924773). 9.00 World Motor Sport (7563869). 12.00 V-Max (5575463). 12,30 International Cricket South Africa vs West Indies (7577550). 4.00 Second Innings (9580579), 4.30 International Cricket South Africa vs West Indies (3279956). **8.00** Golf: LPGA Office 10.30 International Cricket South Africa v West Indies (3080289). 12.30 Sports Un-limited (3569067). 1.30 Golf: LPGA Office Depot (4633951). 3.30 - 7.00 Cricket

12.00 Wresting (87323289), 1.00 Fish TV (90107531), 1.30 Fish TV (87336753), 2.00 Shelfs Wonderful World of Golf (73887537). 3.00 The Golden Age of Racing A-Z of Motorsport (87479956), 3.20 World Motorsport (38797685), 6.30 Sports Unlimited (81017376). **7.30** Fish TV Fishing Tales

(02622666) 40.00 Superhoute Alive Nov. ton (92401173), 11.00 Olympic Series (17705598), 11.30 Close EUROSPORT

7.30 Bobsleigh (57314), 8.00 Ski Jumping (18647), 9.00 Winter X Games (11173). 10.00 Alpine Skiling (53596), 11.00 Foot-bal: Eurogoals (85802), 12.30 Car on ice (83753), **1.00** Cycling (88208), **2.00** Bob-sleigh (91260), **3.00** Ski Jumping (64579), 4.00 Alpine Skiing (76314), 5.00 Winter) Games (6753), 6.00 Football: Eurogoals (36482). **7.30** Alpine Sking (80956). **8.30** Tuesday Live Boxing (304024). **11.00** US PGA Golf Tour (54227). **12.00** Winter X Garnes (78880). 12.30 Close.

bours (4222289), 7.55 EastEndars (5344227), 8.30 The Bill (8310840), 9.00 (78019802), 12.25 EastEnde 1.00 Juliet Bravo (8913258), 2.00 Dallas (5021314), 2.55 The Bill (5533531), 3.25 The Bill (9926821), 3.55 EastEnders Creatures Great and Small (4959376). Mum (7685598), 8.20 The Detectives (6)63005), 9.00 Red Dwarf (8881043), See

TIK GOLD

7.00 Crossroads (9085802). 7.30 Neigh-

The Bill (8301192), 9.30 The House of Eliott (7277839). **10.30** Rhoda (8307376). **11.00** Dalas (4380579). **11.55** Neighbours (8102482). 4.30 Řhoda (3813395). 5.00 Ali 6.00 Dynasty (2313014), 7.00 2point4 Children (3481956), 7.40 It Ain't Half Hot, Pick of the Day. 9.35 Red Dwarf (2063208), See Pick of the Day. 10.15 Red

Star Treic: Deep Space Nine (72482). 12.30 The Commish (31203). 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (7982574). Depot (5626208), 10.00 Festrax (5576192).

SKY SPORTS 3

(872975S1), 8,00 Premier Snooker League

Gioria (6372932). 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5984999), 1.10 Highlander (7391680), 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108628), 2.35 Wish You Were Here...?

10.30 Calendar News and Weather (496227), 4.15 Jobfinder (6583574). TYNE TEES As Yorkshire except: 5.55 North East Weather (206444), 6.00 North (9491721). 3.05 Judge Judy (55854796). 3.25 Nationwide Football League Extra East Tonight (64005). 7.30 Grundy Goes... (69). 10.30 North East News and Wealher (496227). (6361574). 4.20 Coach (39837425). 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (85512593). 5.00 Free-screen (74845).

As Channel 4 axcept: 9.00 Ysqo-

lion/Schools (20107376), 12.00 Be-witched (29807550), 12.30 Sesame William (250/750), 1.00 Planed Plant (3448043), 1.30 Roots to Success (27032821), 1.50 Film: Way of a Gaucho (80959591), 4.30 Ricki Lake (81358840), 5.00 Planed Plant: Uned 5 (81358840). 5.00 Planed Plant: Uned 5 (64839531). 5.30 Countdown (81349192). 6.00 Newyddion (54651314). 6.10 Heno (16527821). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (64858395). 7.30 Newyddion (81366869). 8.00 Y Sioe Gelf (64988043). 9.30 Pengelf (64847550). 10.00 Brookside (60549260). 10.35 Riddle of the Skies (2224294). 10.35 Short Stories (63809753). 12.05 The Real Holiday Show (19930951). 12.35 (55854796), 3.25 Football League Extra (6361574), 4.20 Coach (39837425), 4.45 TV Nightscreen (1073999). Real Holiday Show (19930951). 12.35 Short Stories (26622574). 1.05 The Re-al. Don Giovanni (13751970). 2.05

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

About Anglia (85). **1.30** Liza's Country (69). **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (496227). **11.40** Crime Night (510666). **11.55** Go Fishing with John Wilson (633956). **12.25** Soundtrax (649512). AS BEC! LONDON except: 6.30 Newsins 6.30 (89), 10.00 Sportight (20173), 10.30 Soccer Special (175192), 11.30 Film: Stakeout (970005), 1.10 Joins BBC News 24 (50362222). (833956). 12.25 Soundrax (649504). 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5984999). 120 Highlander (7391680). 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108626). 2.35 Wish You Were Hare...? (9491721). 3.05 Judge Judy (55854796). 3.25 Nationwide Foot-ball League Extra (6361574). 4.20 Coach (39837425). 4.45 ITV Nichtschen (1073999). As BBC1 LONDON except: 12.30 lotaman (36131598), 12.45 Dochaidh 7 (Cakey Doke) (25600395), 6.00 (27) (Cakey Doke) (25600395), 6.00 (25600395), 6.00 (25600395), 6.00 (25600395), 6.00 (25600395), 7.00 (256003

Nightscreen (1073999). CENTRAL As Cariton except: 12.20 Central As Cartton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (8816463). 1.00 Headliners (46280). 3.20 Central News (8252799). 5.10 Shortland Street (9507463). 6.00 Home and Away (586550). 6.25 Central News and Weather (298314). 7.30 Landladies (69). 10.30 Central News and Weather (496227). 4.15 Jobfinder (6457488). 5.20 Asian Eye (7725864).

HTV WALES

As Carlton except: 10.30 This Morning (1848802). 12.15 HTV Naws (7417531). 1.00 Shortland Street (46260). 1.30 Home and Away (88685). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (5169734). 9504053, 650 Maridian Toright (55), 6-30 Surprise Chefs (65), 7,30 Wildlife SOS (69), 10-30 Meridian News (496227), 11,40 cyber.cafe (604444). 12.10 Hope and

3.20 HTV News (8252799). 5.10 A Country Practice (9507483). 6.00 Home and Away (588550). 6.25 Wales Tonight (298314). 7.30 Fishlocks Wild Tracks 59). 10.30 HTV News (496227). 11.40 (69), 10-30 HTV News (495227), 11-40 Anatomy of Disaster (325395), 12-40 The Heunted Fishtank (5984999), 1-10 Highlander (7391880), 2-05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108628), 2-35 Wish You Were Here_? (9491721), 3-05 Judge Judy (55854796), 3-25 Netionwide Football League Extra (6361574), 4.20 Coach (39837425), 4.45 ITV Nightscreen HTV WEST

As HTV Wales except: 6.25 HTV Wast Weather (658010). 6.30 The West Tonight (85). 7.30 West Eye View (69). 11.40 Pleasure Guide (604444). 12.10 Making of Very Bad Things (6372932). MERIDIAN MERIDIAN
As Cariton except: 1.00 Shortland
Street (9284666). 1.35 Home and Away
(2518473). 2.00 Jerry Springer
(5169734). 5.10 Home and Away
(9507463). 5.37 Three Minutes (226228).

WESTCOUNTRY As Caritton except: 12.27 | Ruminations (8824482), 1.00 Emmerdale (48260), 6.00 Westcountry Live (64005). (4526). 6.00 Westcountry Live (84005). 7.30 Wild West Country (59). 10.30 Westcountry News (496227). 11.40 Power Game (804444). 12.10 The Making of Very Bad Things (6372932). 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5984999). 1.10 Highlander (7391680). 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108626). 2.35 Wish You Were Here...? (9491721). 3.05 Judge Judy (55854796). 3.25 Football League Extra

As Cariton except: 1.00 Home and Away (55485735). 1.25 Jerry Springer (4371918). 2.10 Coronation Street (7980208). 5.55 Calender (923453). 6.30 Tonight (85). 7.30 Missing (89).

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TELEVISION REVIEW HANKS



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BBCI

6.00 Business Breskfast (12376), 7.00 News (T) (58005).
9.00 Kiroy (S) (T) (8381829), 9.45 The Vanessa Show (S) (T) (4780444), 10.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (5852208), 11.00 Real Rooms (S) (6862685), 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (S) (T) (6832444), 11.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (101553), 12.00 Call My Bhuff (S) (29444), 12.30 Wipeout (S) (192673), 12.55 The Weather Show (S) (T) (4858395), 1.00 News; Weather (T) (5182), 1.30 Regional News and Weather (47200463), 1.40 Neighbours (S) (T) (25196918), 2.05 konside (R) (3243579), 2.55 Body Spies (S) (5597869).

3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (R) (S) (6410598). 3.45
The Enchanted Lands - the Adventures of the Wishing Chair (S) (2397482). 3.55 Hububb (S) (T) (3437173).
4.40 Chipmunks Go to the Movies (R) (S) (T) (3622208).
4.35 The Really Wild Show (S) (T) (5275463).
5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (2715531). 5.10 Grange Hill (S) (T) (8367173).

5.36 Neighbours. Madge tries out for the Grey Fowlers, whatever that means (5) (1) (455260).

6.00 News; Weather (1) (37).

6.30 Regional News, And weather (T) (89).

7.00 Holiday. All Dando is at large in the Cheshire countryside and Theims Barlow boards the biggest cruise liner ever built. Plus, reports on the Algarys, Gran Canaris, and Italy and Switzerland by bus (S) (T) (8314).

7.30 EastEnders. Will Grant give in to Terry and Simon?
You wouldn't have thought so, but the storyline probably demands it (8) (T) (73).

8.00 Holby City. Michael French starts to throw meaningful looks at Dr Kirstle Collins - not that French has been typecast or anything. Meanwhile "coma girl" Nicola

8.50 8.50 to Paddington Green (S) (T) (842753).

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (1005).

9.30 Paddington Green. Inner London docu-scap. Sameer Vaswani finds himself at the mercy of London's food critics (5) (7) (74-82).

10.00 [3][M] Stakeout (John Badham 1987 US). Badham certainly knows how to engineer a m cacnam certainly knows how to engineer a movie, and this buildy-buildy cop movie is one of his best works. It moves along at an entertaining citig and Richard Dreyfuss is on fine form as the policeman who falls in love with the target he's spying on (Madeleine Stowe), the ex-girifriend of escaped killer Aldan Quinn. Dreyfuss breaks the rules by getting involved with Stowe, while his junior partner in the stakeout, Emilio Estevez, looks on (S) (840227).

COMEDY IS PARAMOUNT

11.58 [CIDIG] Flesh and Bone (Steve Kloves 1983 US). Husband-and-wife Dennis Quald and Meg Ryan star in this atmospheric little thriller. See Film of the Day, below (S) (T) (15906753).

2.00 Joins BBC Naws 24 (5385715). To 6am.

SHORT FILM OF THE DAY

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JEWS.

(10.15pm BBC2. right) Video Nation, BBC2's excellent series of films made by the general public about their lives, returns with 10 shorts about peoplo's attitudes to housework. The first selection looks at three individuals who think that tidying and washing up is a mug's game - social conditioning for the oppression of humanity. Jennifer Grimshaw gets around the problem of dirty dishes by eating prepared salads out of their containers (sometimes being messy seems like harder work than being tidy), while student Vicki declares that "I absolutely insist on an unmade bed".

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BBC2

(7337208). 8.40 Police (8673050). 8.20 Taz-Mania (7337208). 8.40 Police (9673050). 8.20 Taz-Mania (7337208). 8.40 Polica Dol Shorts (5) (336826). 8.80 Oakie Doke (3305840). 9.00 German Globo (8497879). 9.05 Hello aus Berin (8) (6489550). 9.40 Working It Out (1633127). 9.25 Techno (4126376). 9.45 Number line (126733). 10.40 telelubbles (45043). 10.30 Watch (2213647). 10.45 Science Zone (7265937). 11.05 Space Ark (8748482). 11.15 Megamaths (9264259). 11.35 Words and Pictures (5) (8922598). 11.50 History File (890847). 12.10 English Express (9978378). 12.30 Working Lunch (52260). 1.00 Oakle Doke (94581685). 11.0 The Travel Hour (9225647). 2.10 Sporting Greats (61371956). 2.40 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (3833734). 2.45 Westminster (2180378). 3.25 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (38032294). 3.30 Turning Points (S) (2383289). 3.35 The Natural World (2710208).

Prince of Bei Air (R) (S) (T) (591024)

7.20 Skiling. Hazel Irvine presents live coverage of the first. of the men's events from the Alpine Skiling World Championships in Colorado, With analysis from Graham Bell and commentary by Julian Tutt and Martin Bell (no, not that one) (S) (8560227).

8.30 Riok Stein's Seafood Odyssey. The Cornish chef prepares emoked bream with a tangy bush-tuoker chutney. Yes, that's right, he's in Australia (S) (T) (411).

9.25 Great Railway Journeys. Nick Hancock attempts to cross Cubs, but soon changes his plans when Hurricans Georges hits the country. Shame (T) (565005). 9.00 The Morscambe and Wise Show. Errie throws cocktall party in this ancient episode from their ITV days. Guests are the Beverley Sisters (R) (S) (80/1869).

10.15 EIDIGE Coming Clean - the Truth about Housework: First in a new series of Video Nation, See Short Film of the Day, below (S) (T) (617840).

11.35 The Larry Sandere Show. Michael Bolton, comic Drew Carey and ER's Eriq La Salle play themselves as Beverly discovers she is pregnant (S) (1) (903227).

12.00 Despatch Box (8916), 12.30 Open University: The Arch Never Siseps (51845), 1.00 Soaring Achievements (11864), 1.30 The Secret of Sporting Success (58883), 2.00 Schools: Mathematics – Mathsphere Edits (33796), 4.00 The French Experience (44480), To 5am.

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4.25 IIII The Journey of Natty Gann (Jeremy Kagan 1985 US). During the bleakest days of the Depression, a girl makes a cross-country trek to find her father, who has gone off to find work. A Disney charmer with a lovely lead performance from Meredith Salenger (S) (T) (29065032).

5.40 Nev

6.26 Heartbreak High. Those inner-city Sydney high-school kide again. Ryan becomes an opera freak to impress Sarah (8) (1) (9:8679).

7:10 The O Zone. Whiney Houston talks about her film carear, her dislike of the media, etc etc etc (S) (T) (887763)

11.15 Seinfeid. George acquires a toupée (S) (T) (116579).

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gade (S) (164956).

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9.25 Tria (564 9.00 QM

3.25 Chil Rosh (238 4.25 (S) (Ildren's ITV: Mopatop's Shop (9402032). 3.35 sie and Jim (S) (3442005). 3.50 The Wombles (S) 89463). 4.00 Cow and Chicken (S) (T) (5586395). 25 Mile and Angelo (S) (T) (3605531). 4.50 How II (T) (7999444). and Away (1) (9507463).

6.00 Lon tal and the South-East (T) (55).

6.30 Good Stuff. Rowland Rivron and Wendy Douglas with something for the weekend (8) (85).

7.00 Emi meets the women of her dreams (S) (T) (3482).

7.30 Fire ** Edition. What rising sea levels will do to the mes Barrier, according to one Cassandra (69).

8.00 The BIII. "No Love Lost". The latest hour-long prama. Boyden is in trouble after he unwittingly de the night with an under-age girl who is caught the world of prostitution (T) (7173).

9.00 Peak Pre some shat Shearer oc (T) (7937).

er (T) (55869).

on Tonight (T) (498227).

10.40 <u>GIODE</u> swingers - Faithful to You in My Faishion: Exploration of three couples alternative sexual lifestyles. See *Documentary of the Day*, below (T) (288734). 3

12.46 The (7390 Wish Judg Leag (6583 Haunted Fishtank (43932), 1.18 Highlander (R) (0951), 2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (S) (1429932), 2.35
You Were Here...? (R) (S) (T) (1749999), 3.00
je Judy (T) (55855425), 3.20 Nationwide Football Jue Extra (6392203), 4.18 ITV Nightscreen
13574), 5.30 News (17999), To Barn.

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Trisha (S) (T) (5741395), 10.30 This Morning (T) (56468280), 12.20 Your Shout (8816463), 12.30 News; Weather (T) (89314), 1.00 London Today (T) (48260), 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (1910024), 2.16 Home and Away (S) (T) (858937), 2,45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (S) (T) (857208).

vs; Weather (T) (780109).

10.00 Father Ted. Polly Clarke, a writer of steamy novels, comes to stay on Craggy Island (ft) (5) (1) (4511).

11.20 Short Stories: Full Metal Backpack. The director Dimitri Doganish film about the obsession of some twentysomething travellers with the former battlefields of Vietnem and Cambodia (830647).

3.15 JTN News Headlines (T) (5002278), **3.20** London Today (T) (8252789).

6.30 Home Improvement. Al is asked to make a DIY video and foolishly asks Tim to direct it in the US shoom which falled to take of in this country (S) (27).

7.00 Channel 4 News) Weather (1) (670289).

7.65 Music of the Millermium. Plantst Joanna MacGregor on her favourite piece of classical music (55473).

8.30 Clas 8.00 Brookside. Mick and Sinbad become friends again, you'll be reassured to read, but Bev leaves Anthea out in the cold (T) (7444).

Gissale Aircraft, Helicopters, this week. An 82-year-old ex-wing commander takes to the skies in his home-built autogiro, and we meet the V22 – hair-helicopter and half-seroptene (T) (8579). code-breakers – and the knotty problem of how the could act on information received from intercepted man messages without revealing that they had broken codes. Hence British defenders on Crete knew about 3erman parachute invasion in advance, but were red not to act on the knowledge (5579).

10.30 Faking it. Documentary about people who hoax the media, looking at the history of such soams (182482).

11.50 Dope Sheet (104024), 12.25 Beyond Dope Sheet (96698390).

2.35 IIII Jack Ahoy! (Walter Forde 1934 US). Breezy comedy starring genial, trowel-faced, musical hall comedian Jack Hulbert as the naval rating who falls for the admirals daughter (1987319). To 4am.

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (5) (74043).

9.00 Channel 4 Schools: Science in Focus (4:32337), 9,20 What the Papers Said (6486483), 9,30 Eurekel (12:3666), 9,45 Stop, Look, Listen (12:0821), 10,00 The Number Crew (6747631), 10,45 Works of Faith (22:3658), 11,00 First Edition VI (8586531), 11,115 Stage One (8509482),

11.30 Powerhouse (5208), 12.00 Sesame Street (45482),
12.30 Bewitched (F) (S) (T) (87856), 1.00 Pet Rescue (R) (S) (T) (44802), 1.30 Earthscape (90840395).

(F) (S) (T) (6230043). 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (3789717).
7.36 Wimzle's House (R) (3482868). 8.00 Herekazoo (R) (S) (4288043). 8.30 Dappledown Farm (R) (S) (4287314). 9.00 Weather Front (R) (S) (1950550). 9.25 (4287314). 9.00 Weather Front (R) (S) (1950550). 9.25 (Hussell Grant's Postcards (7685821). 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6338005). 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (1345588). 1130 Leeza (S) (4747821). 12.00 6 News at Noon (S) (T) (4238802). 12.30 Family Affeirs (S) (T) (9280376). 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (6238314). 1.30 The Roseanne Show (R) (S) (9289647).
2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (5435376). 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (1088956).

1.36 IIIM The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw (Racul Walsh 1868 UK), Karneth More and Jayne Mansfled – now there's unlikely casting. The hero of countless harmless Fifties British movies meets the Esenhower-era sex bomb in a peculiar spoof western filmed in Spain (on the sets Sergio Leone would later use for his Dallers trilogy). More is a traid English gunsmith who thinks he will find a better market for his wares in the Wild West (38526043).

3.30 IIIM Bye Bye Bravermen Below-per Lumet film. This rather four Jewish friends – all Rierary n

an (Skiney Lurnet 1968 US). As fuzzy tale centres on

6.00 King of the Mill. Animated Middle America, it is the battle of the generations when Hank and his friends take on four teenagers in a game of paintball (R) (47). 3.30 Hampton Court Palace (T) (83), 4.00 Fitteen to One (T) (98), 4.30 Countdown (T) (82), 5.00 Rickl Lake (S) (T) (1280), 5.30 Pet Rescus (T) (34). **6.00 100 Per Cent.** The game show without a host (S) (6665821). 5.20 Sunset Beach. Tyus confirms that Michael is sterile (5) (T) (8443786).

6.30 Family Affairs. Dave manages to destroy the letter before Cat reads it (S) (T) (8676173).

7.00 & News, Including First on Five. Kirsty Young with the news buildin (S) (T) (5439182).

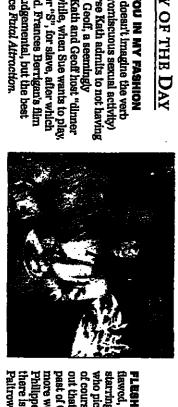
7.30 Wild Water. A grey seat in the Orkney Islands has an enormous soar on his muzzle. How did it get there? or Weather, Another entry in that mushrooming which goes hand-in-hand with the growth in

Despite the same director being imported, this is a predictably disappointing Hollywood remake of the haunting and truly scary Dutch thriller about a boyfriend's search for his lover who has disappeared. In this version it's Klefer Sutherland whose girliffend has been abouted by curning sociopath Jeff Bridges

11.00 Two. The FBI is on Gus's trail in this ongoing the series (S) (7721956).

12.35 Live and Dangerous (S) (7802777). **3.45** Asian Football Show (S) (3622593). **4.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (8052375). **5.30** 100 Per Cent (8220932). To 6am. 11.55 The Jack Docherty Show. The Divine Comedy provide the Inter-chat music (S) (714711).

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SWINGERS - FAITHFUL TO YOU (10.40pm ITV, right) Somehow one does "to swing" (as in to take part in promis having declensions, but when nurse K. "swung" before she met husband Geol ridiculous new lexicon opens up. Kath parties with a difference". Meanwhile, she puts on a medallion with letter "S" she is at the mercy of her husband. Fr

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